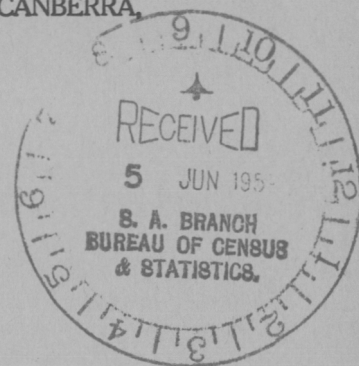


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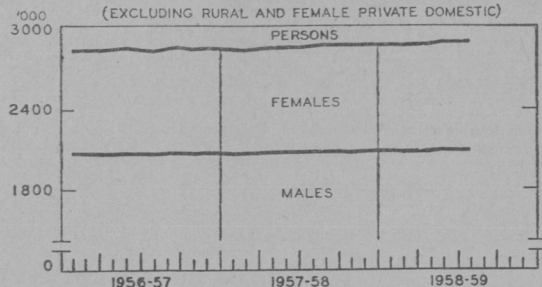
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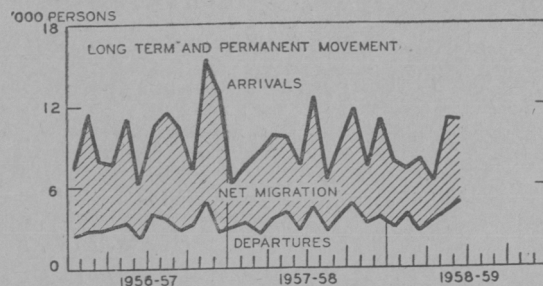
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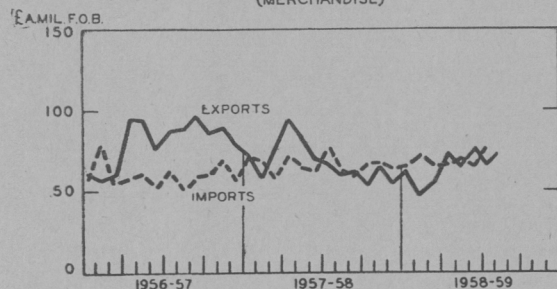
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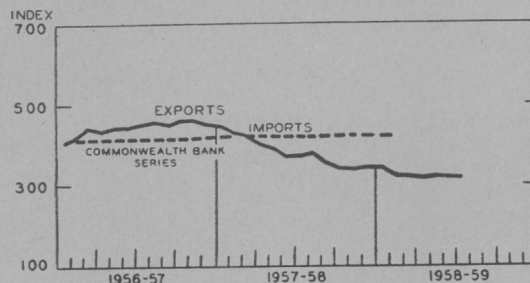
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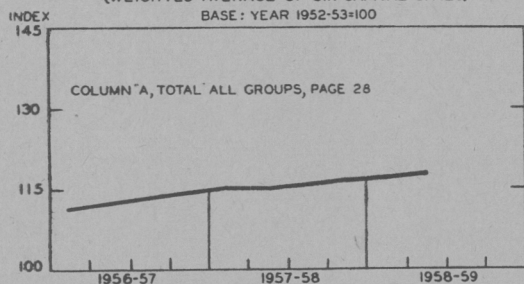
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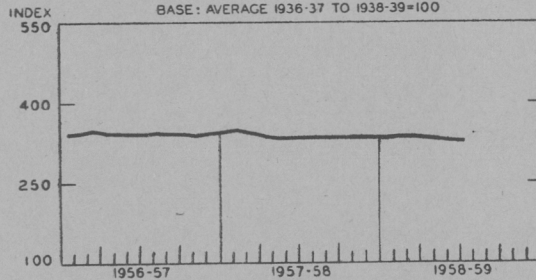
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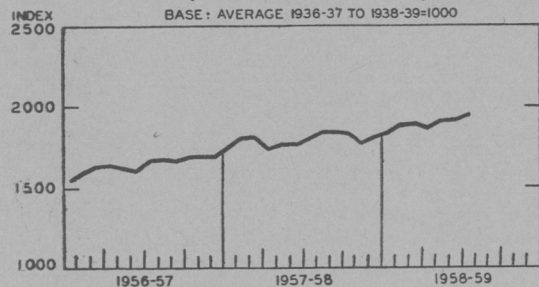
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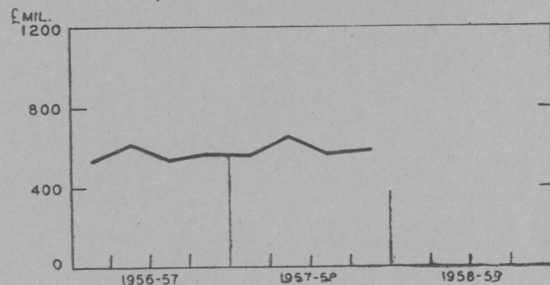
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| Period. | Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics). —End of Month. (a) | | | Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000) | Internal Trade. | | Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment). | | Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses and Flats Com-menced.(f) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | | Whole-sale.(c) | Retail.(d) | Imports. | Exports. | | |
| Monthly Average— | '000. | '000. | '000. | | £m. | £m. | £m. | £m. | £'000. | No. |
| 1936-37 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 37.2 | n.a. | 8.6 | 12.3 | 1,986 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 40.5 | n.a. | 10.6 | 11.7 | 2,307 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 | (g)1,293 | (g)437 | (g)1,730 | n.a. | 39.8 | n.a. | 9.4 | 10.1 | 2,353 | n.a. |
| 1951-52 | 1,950 | 718 | 2,668 | 2,221 | 162.1 | 404.0 | 87.5 | 55.4 | 9,699 | (h)20,231 |
| 1952-53 | 1,910 | 679 | 2,589 | 2,428 | 158.1 | 425.5 | 42.5 | 70.7 | 10,040 | (h)16,152 |
| 1953-54 | 1,954 | 707 | 2,661 | 2,553 | 179.5 | 460.2 | 56.5 | 67.7 | 12,356 | (h)19,219 |
| 1954-55 | 2,018 | 740 | 2,758 | 2,682 | 205.5 | 505.2 | 70.1 | 63.2 | 17,892 | 19,309 |
| 1955-56 | 2,067 | 768 | 2,835 | 2,863 | 221.3 | 542.1 | 68.2 | 64.2 | 18,881 | 18,155 |
| 1956-57 | 2,081 | 779 | 2,860 | 3,013 | 233.2 | 564.8 | 59.7 | 81.1 | 17,401 | 17,364 |
| 1957-58 | 2,085 | 791 | 2,876 | 3,096 | 246.3 | 594.2 | 65.8 | 67.8 | 19,160 | 18,337 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,077 | 776 | 2,583 | 3,018 | 209.2 | 537.1 | 62.6 | 87.6 | 15,406 | 17,125 |
| February | 2,086 | 785 | 2,871 | | 224.9 | | 51.1 | 89.3 | 16,433 | |
| March | 2,088 | 787 | 2,875 | | 233.4 | | 58.6 | 97.4 | 17,932 | |
| April | 2,080 | 782 | 2,862 | 3,035 | 227.8 | 567.0 | 60.8 | 87.2 | 16,262 | 18,483 |
| May | 2,085 | 782 | 2,867 | | 252.9 | | 69.1 | 90.7 | 21,322 | |
| June | 2,085 | 780 | 2,865 | | 222.7 | | 55.9 | 78.1 | 19,386 | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,080 | 780 | 2,860 | 3,086 | 235.3 | 564.0 | 70.6 | 70.6 | 20,078 | 18,920 |
| August | 2,076 | 780 | 2,856 | | 235.3 | | 67.9 | 58.1 | 21,333 | |
| September | 2,080 | 783 | 2,863 | | 254.7 | | 56.9 | 75.7 | 19,789 | |
| October | 2,081 | 786 | 2,867 | 3,104 | 267.4 | 655.6 | 71.8 | r94.2 | 18,779 | 17,048 |
| November | 2,080 | 793 | 2,873 | | 265.2 | | 64.2 | 83.0 | 17,200 | |
| December | 2,079 | 792 | 2,871 | | 255.8 | | 62.0 | 70.2 | 13,469 | |
| January | 2,084 | 790 | 2,874 | 3,092 | 211.8 | 568.6 | 77.0 | 66.6 | 19,659 | 17,886 |
| February | 2,089 | 797 | 2,886 | | 237.6 | | 62.4 | 60.1 | 17,001 | |
| March | 2,092 | 800 | 2,892 | | 247.7 | | 59.4 | 60.9 | 18,273 | |
| April | 2,093 | 796 | 2,889 | 3,100 | 239.2 | 588.7 | 67.1 | 52.9 | 22,059 | 19,493 |
| May | 2,094 | 795 | 2,889 | | 260.3 | | 66.6 | 64.3 | 20,878 | |
| June | 2,094 | 793 | 2,887 | | 244.7 | | 63.2 | 54.9 | 21,404 | |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,091 | 793 | 2,884 | 3,177 | 252.1 | p273.4 | p63.8 | p61.2 | 26,250 | p21,597 |
| August | 2,087 | 793 | 2,880 | | 246.9 | | 72.9 | r47.4 | 22,283 | |
| September | 2,089 | 794 | 2,883 | | 265.3 | | 65.7 | r55.1 | 22,910 | |
| October | 2,093 | 796 | 2,889 | 3,203 | r273.7 | pr271.5 | r66.1 | r73.0 | 22,187 | p18,782 |
| November | 2,101 | 801 | 2,902 | | pr273.4 | | r67.3 | r65.3 | 19,959 | |
| December | 2,097 | 802 | 2,899 | | p271.5 | | r61.9 | 74.6 | 16,506 | |
| January | 2,099 | 799 | 2,898 | | | | 74.4 | 65.4 | 16,015 | |
| February | | | | | | | 72.4 | 20,195 | | |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. New series from June, 1955. See note (b) page 8.
 (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Moto. Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) July, 1939: obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

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| Period. | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. | Production of Ingot Steel. | New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles). | | Government Railways : Gross Revenue. | P.M.C.'s Department Cash Receipts. | Private Trading Banks. (b) | | Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Motor Cars. | Commercial Vehicles, etc. | | | Deposits. | Advances. | |
| Monthly Average— | '000 tons. | Million kWh | '000 tons. | '000. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. | £m. | £m. | £m. |
| 1936-37 .. | 977 | 331 | 90.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3,517 | 1,318 | 297.6 | 262.5 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 .. | 990 | 363 | 97.2 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 3,705 | 1,396 | 314.8 | 274.4 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,051 | 391 | 97.5 | 4.5 | 2.1 | 3,662 | 1,447 | 317.7 | 288.1 | n.a. |
| 1950-51 .. | 1,368 | 875 | 120.3 | 10.7 | 6.5 | 8,804 | 3,732 | 1,144.2 | 479.3 | 372.9 |
| 1951-52 .. | 1,598 | 941 | 126.8 | 10.5 | 6.1 | 11,626 | 4,948 | 1,201.7 | 621.4 | 402.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,545 | 1,004 | 150.1 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 12,903 | 5,367 | 1,162.4 | 638.1 | 389.3 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,619 | 1,142 | 176.4 | 10.5 | 4.8 | 14,155 | 5,650 | 1,275.5 | 658.5 | 446.5 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,613 | 1,264 | 184.1 | 13.9 | 5.6 | 14,498 | 6,069 | 1,310.7 | 776.8 | 491.6 |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,586 | 1,399 | 193.4 | 13.6 | 5.8 | 14,765 | 6,612 | 1,295.4 | 804.4 | 521.4 |
| 1956-57 .. | 1,643 | 1,531 | r231.2 | 12.5 | 4.9 | 15,737 | 7,519 | 1,328.0 | 762.6 | 562.7 |
| 1957-58 .. | p1,697 | p1,649 | p258.8 | 13.8 | 5.6 | 14,928 | 8,065 | 1,391.3 | 774.3 | 592.0 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | (c) | | | | |
| January .. | 1,087 | 1,410 | 260.4 | 10.9 | 3.9 | 15,027 | 7,073 | 1,362.5 | 744.9 | 531.0 |
| February .. | 1,625 | 1,388 | 237.5 | 12.1 | 3.3 | 14,585 | 7,312 | 1,390.9 | 732.5 | 590.7 |
| March .. | 1,612 | 1,543 | 254.5 | 12.1 | 5.3 | 15,347 | 8,020 | 1,416.3 | 725.5 | 597.1 |
| April .. | 1,533 | 1,502 | 246.9 | 11.3 | 4.7 | 15,220 | 7,539 | 1,395.0 | 743.5 | 593.9 |
| May .. | 1,778 | 1,693 | 250.5 | 14.6 | 5.8 | 16,569 | 8,457 | 1,368.7 | 757.3 | 597.2 |
| June .. | 1,583 | 1,616 | 246.8 | 12.3 | 5.3 | 14,454 | 8,962 | 1,362.1 | 766.2 | 588.8 |
| 1957-58— | p | p | p | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,913 | 1,817 | 264.2 | 13.0 | 5.3 | 15,703 | 7,423 | 1,349.6 | 770.5 | 600.7 |
| August .. | 1,845 | 1,773 | 271.7 | 11.9 | 5.4 | 15,763 | 7,532 | 1,331.9 | 762.0 | 527.5 |
| September .. | 1,824 | 1,641 | 261.5 | 13.4 | 5.4 | 15,810 | 7,503 | 1,342.2 | 756.1 | 577.0 |
| October .. | 1,940 | 1,665 | 263.9 | 15.3 | 6.1 | 16,484 | 8,563 | 1,385.5 | 765.5 | 603.3 |
| November .. | 1,831 | 1,584 | 246.4 | 14.6 | 5.7 | 15,176 | 7,510 | 1,406.6 | 772.0 | 608.3 |
| December .. | 1,347 | 1,530 | 250.9 | 14.8 | 5.4 | 13,887 | 8,623 | 1,431.7 | 766.3 | 667.5 |
| January .. | 1,233 | 1,518 | 269.9 | 11.1 | 4.6 | 13,676 | 8,469 | 1,445.7 | 753.4 | 512.7 |
| February .. | 1,661 | 1,468 | 232.6 | 13.9 | 5.5 | 13,364 | r7,565 | 1,443.6 | 749.6 | 587.6 |
| March .. | 1,670 | 1,632 | 265.9 | 13.7 | 6.1 | 15,026 | 8,055 | 1,449.6 | 754.6 | 609.4 |
| April .. | 1,620 | 1,588 | 254.2 | 15.4 | 6.2 | 14,163 | 7,906 | 1,414.4 | 792.2 | 609.4 |
| May .. | 1,769 | 1,766 | 277.6 | 15.2 | 6.0 | 15,227 | 8,482 | 1,354.2 | 819.5 | 608.2 |
| June .. | 1,708 | 1,813 | 256.6 | 12.8 | 5.4 | 14,856 | 9,046 | 1,343.0 | 831.7 | 603.0 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,017 | 1,968 | 270.5 | 13.9 | 6.1 | 15,271 | 8,449 | 1,331.2 | 844.9 | 622.7 |
| August .. | 1,837 | 1,852 | 267.2 | 13.6 | 5.5 | 15,233 | 7,661 | 1,321.5 | 838.8 | 558.2 |
| September .. | 1,803 | 1,775 | 263.6 | 14.7 | 5.9 | 15,914 | 8,512 | 1,324.0 | 829.8 | 597.7 |
| October .. | 1,959 | 1,774 | 265.3 | 16.1 | 6.5 | 16,422 | 9,299 | 1,352.7 | 830.9 | 639.8 |
| November .. | 1,734 | 1,660 | 262.7 | 14.8 | 6.2 | 15,087 | 7,784 | 1,372.2 | 824.6 | 644.4 |
| December .. | 1,326 | 1,638 | 269.9 | 15.9 | 6.6 | | 9,714 | 1,393.4 | 808.2 | 706.7 |
| January .. | 1,133 | 1,601 | 267.6 | r12.4 | r5.1 | | 7,872 | 1,402.0 | 794.8 | 524.4 |
| February .. | 1,660 | | 244.0 | r13.5 | 5.9 | | 7,823 | 1,419.9 | 775.3 | 672.2 |

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Oversea Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49 | 18,498 | 44,149 | 19,041 | 25,108 | 25,287 | (d) 49,826 | 7,908,066 |
| 1949-50 | 18,558 | 47,048 | 19,001 | 28,047 | 40,387 | (d) 67,657 | 8,178,696 |
| 1950-51 | 19,211 | 48,114 | 19,896 | 28,218 | 33,244 | (d) 60,770 | 8,421,775 |
| 1951-52 | 18,896 | 49,228 | 20,661 | 28,567 | 25,720 | (d) 53,671 | 8,636,458 |
| 1952-53 | 17,870 | 50,739 | 20,023 | 30,716 | 14,516 | (d) 44,726 | 8,815,362 |
| 1953-54 | 17,827 | 50,400 | 20,390 | 30,010 | 13,263 | (d) 42,792 | e8,986,530 |
| 1954-55 | 17,848 | 51,213 | 20,541 | 30,672 | 22,868 | 53,540 | 9,200,691 |
| 1955-56 | 18,169 | 52,719 | 20,712 | 32,007 | 24,710 | 56,717 | 9,427,558 |
| 1956-57 | 18,111 | 53,753 | 21,467 | 32,286 | 21,594 | 53,880 | 9,643,079 |
| 1957-58 | 18,511 | 55,265 | 21,150 | 34,115 | 16,650 | 50,765 | 9,846,140 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | |
| September Qtr. .. | 15,449 | 53,714 | 24,209 | 29,505 | 25,853 | 55,358 | 9,256,049 |
| December | 20,094 | 51,045 | 19,424 | 31,621 | 25,621 | 57,242 | 9,313,291 |
| March | 18,680 | 52,614 | 18,073 | 34,541 | 29,421 | 63,962 | 9,377,253 |
| June | 18,453 | 53,502 | 21,140 | 32,362 | 17,943 | 50,305 | 9,427,558 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| September | 15,328 | 53,698 | 26,511 | 27,187 | 24,446 | 51,633 | 9,479,191 |
| December | 19,319 | 52,319 | 20,364 | 31,955 | 22,188 | 54,143 | 9,533,334 |
| March | 18,825 | 55,546 | 18,641 | 36,905 | 21,198 | 58,103 | 9,591,437 |
| June | 18,971 | 53,450 | 20,353 | 33,097 | 18,545 | 51,642 | 9,643,079 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | |
| September | 16,050 | 56,008 | 25,695 | 30,313 | 16,547 | 46,860 | 9,689,939 |
| December | 19,850 | 55,354 | 20,264 | 35,090 | 22,442 | 57,532 | 9,747,471 |
| March | 18,459 | 55,777 | 18,223 | 37,554 | 16,210 | 53,764 | 9,801,235 |
| June | 19,686 | 53,921 | 20,418 | 33,503 | 11,402 | 44,905 | 9,846,140 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | |
| September | 15,569 | 57,575 | 24,829 | 32,746 | 17,640 | 50,386 | 9,896,526 |
| December | 20,287 | 55,231 | 20,253 | 34,978 | 20,114 | 55,092 | 9,951,618 |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

| Date. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 30th June— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949 .. | 3,092,621 | 2 142,986 | 1,159,124 | 679,305 | 532,191 | 267,062 | 13,391 | 21,386 | 7,908,066 |
| 1950 .. | 3,193,372 | 2 208,078 | 1,196,185 | 709,547 | 557,096 | 275,902 | 14,692 | 23,824 | 8,178,696 |
| 1951 .. | 3,278,032 | 2,276,575 | 1,227,701 | 732,430 | 580,343 | 286,193 | 15,609 | 24,892 | 8,421,775 |
| 1952 .. | 3,339,455 | 2,344,491 | 1,259,478 | 755,053 | 599,858 | 296,299 | 15,464 | 26,360 | 8,636,458 |
| 1953 .. | 3,383,792 | 2,395,254 | 1,291,410 | 775,781 | 620,547 | 304,080 | 15,853 | 28,645 | 8,815,362 |
| 1954(a) .. | 3,423,529 | 2,452,341 | 1,318,259 | 797,094 | 639,771 | 308,752 | 16,469 | 30,315 | 8,986,530 |
| 1955 .. | 3,490,331 | 2,523,018 | 1,344,572 | 819,549 | 658,538 | 314,679 | 17,580 | b 32,424 | 9,200,691 |
| 1956 .. | 3,553,432 | 2,605,088 | 1,370,697 | 848,526 | 677,389 | 319,648 | 18,297 | b 34,481 | 9,427,558 |
| 1957 .. | 3,622,906 | 2,673,498 | 1,396,740 | 873,123 | 691,882 | 327,895 | 19 170 | c 37,865 | 9,643,079 |
| 1958 .. | 3,689,175 | 2,741,397 | 1,417,404 | 896,750 | 705,250 | 335,418 | 19,579 | 41,167 | 9,846,140 |
| 31st December— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1958 .. | 3,725,686 | 2,770,919 | 1,424,818 | 907,992 | 713,583 | 346,545 | 19,122 | 42,953 | 9,951,618 |

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period. | Short Term Movement. | | | | Long Term and Permanent Movement. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | Australian Residents. | | Visitors from Overseas. | | Arrivals. | Departures. | Excess of Arrivals. |
| | Returning. | Departing. | Arriving. | Departing. | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49 | 2,007 | 1,898 | 2,829 | 2,566 | 9,568 | 1,511 | 8,057 |
| 1949-50 | 2,336 | 2,500 | 3,470 | 3,644 | 15,407 | 1,608 | 13,799 |
| 1950-51 | 2,812 | 2,617 | 3,594 | 3,753 | 12,774 | 1,729 | 11,045 |
| 1951-52 | 3,251 | 3,233 | 3,895 | 4,085 | 10,872 | 2,126 | 8,746 |
| 1952-53 | 3,351 | 3,427 | 3,838 | 4,198 | 7,991 | 2,717 | 5,274 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1953-54 | 3,648 | 3,556 | 3,953 | 3,906 | 7,206 | 2,924 | 4,282 |
| 1954-55 | 4,107 | 4,013 | 4,277 | 4,220 | 10,348 | 2,877 | 7,471 |
| 1955-56 | 4,719 | 4,469 | 4,608 | 4,515 | 11,052 | 3,159 | 7,893 |
| 1956-57 | 4,604 | 4,162 | 5,532 | 5,617 | 10,050 | 3,209 | 6,841 |
| 1957-58 | 4,844 | 4,714 | 4,922 | 4,964 | 8,998 | 3,536 | 5,462 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | |
| November | 5,540 | 4,462 | 14,286 | 6,080 | 11,063 | 3,372 | 7,691 |
| December | 5,533 | 4,079 | 5,603 | 13,526 | 6,219 | 2,429 | 3,790 |
| January | 5,347 | 4,437 | 5,333 | 6,432 | 10,731 | 4,143 | 6,588 |
| February | 4,787 | 5,010 | 5,557 | 5,639 | 11,577 | 3,740 | 7,837 |
| March | 4,203 | 5,007 | 5,674 | 5,315 | 10,601 | 2,889 | 7,712 |
| April | 3,853 | 6,206 | 4,311 | 5,443 | 7,409 | 3,192 | 4,217 |
| May | 3,870 | 5,792 | 4,530 | 5,626 | 15,378 | 4,881 | 10,497 |
| June | 3,331 | 3,545 | 3,815 | 3,738 | 13,053 | 2,582 | 10,471 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,901 | 3,531 | 3,728 | 3,949 | 6,310 | 3,040 | 3,270 |
| August | 4,424 | 3,531 | 4,423 | 4,118 | 7,811 | 3,333 | 4,478 |
| September | 5,028 | 3,875 | 4,394 | 4,045 | 8,589 | 2,639 | 5,950 |
| October | 6,142 | 3,156 | 4,926 | 4,265 | 9,823 | 3,659 | 6,164 |
| November | 5,866 | 3,811 | 5,135 | 6,260 | 9,679 | 4,154 | 5,525 |
| December | 5,265 | 5,537 | 6,790 | 5,255 | 7,734 | 2,821 | 4,913 |
| January | 5,641 | 4,868 | 5,183 | 6,054 | 12,617 | 4,510 | 8,107 |
| February | 4,555 | 4,381 | 5,371 | 5,052 | 6,480 | 2,698 | 3,782 |
| March | 5,264 | 6,488 | 5,995 | 5,993 | 8,852 | 3,704 | 5,148 |
| April | 4,280 | 7,442 | 5,196 | 5,621 | 11,743 | 4,795 | 6,948 |
| May | 4,008 | 5,585 | 4,395 | 4,971 | 7,424 | 3,297 | 4,127 |
| June | 3,752 | 4,368 | 3,527 | 3,983 | 10,916 | 3,777 | 7,139 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,408 | 3,916 | 4,043 | 3,858 | 7,794 | 2,883 | 4,911 |
| August | 5,037 | 4,003 | 4,337 | 4,742 | 7,372 | 4,193 | 3,179 |
| September | 5,764 | 3,089 | 4,733 | 4,600 | 8,151 | 2,715 | 5,436 |
| October | 5,509 | 3,526 | 5,271 | 5,198 | 6,617 | 3,454 | 3,163 |
| November | 5,663 | 3,916 | 5,631 | 5,596 | 11,018 | 4,195 | 6,823 |
| December | 5,184 | 7,306 | 7,660 | 5,364 | 10,873 | 4,757 | 6,116 |

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

| Month. | Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic.) | | | Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| | Governmental Authorities.(b) | Private Employers. (c) | Total.(c) | Mining and Quarry- ing. | Fac- tories. (c) | Build- ing and Con- struction. | Transport and Communi- cation. | Retail Trade. | Other Com- merce and Finance. | Pro- fessional and Personal Services. (d) |
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 349.8 | 943.3 | 1,293.1 | 52.2 | 391.5 | 149.7 | 185.9 | 259.7 | | 133.6 |
| 1956—June .. | 604.9 | 1,476.8 | 2,081.7 | 57.3 | 778.0 | 214.6 | 310.4 | 129.9 | 212.7 | 187.2 |
| 1957—June .. | 609.5 | 1,475.2 | 2,084.7 | 56.3 | 780.6 | 207.3 | 313.0 | 129.4 | 214.0 | 193.0 |
| 1958—June .. | 621.8 | 1,472.1 | 2,093.9 | 51.6 | 788.1 | 202.3 | 311.8 | 132.5 | 216.3 | 196.2 |
| 1957—October .. | 608.9 | 1,472.2 | 2,081.1 | 54.3 | 782.6 | 202.1 | 309.2 | 130.8 | 216.3 | 193.9 |
| November.. | 608.0 | 1,472.2 | 2,080.2 | 53.9 | 782.8 | 199.4 | 307.3 | 134.0 | 216.6 | 194.0 |
| December | 609.0 | 1,470.4 | 2,079.4 | 53.6 | 779.9 | 197.1 | 307.9 | 136.2 | 216.9 | 195.0 |
| 1958—January .. | 611.9 | 1,472.4 | 2,084.3 | 53.3 | 784.2 | 198.5 | 310.2 | 133.1 | 217.0 | 194.4 |
| October .. | 621.5 | 1,471.9 | 2,093.4 | 50.9 | 788.7 | 200.5 | 309.9 | 133.0 | 217.9 | 197.0 |
| November.. | 622.8 | 1,478.5 | 2,101.3 | 50.6 | 790.8 | 200.7 | 310.5 | 135.6 | 219.8 | 197.6 |
| December | 622.8 | 1,474.1 | 2,096.9 | 50.6 | 784.0 | 199.2 | 309.7 | 138.9 | 220.1 | 198.4 |
| 1959—January .. | 627.1 | 1,472.1 | 2,099.2 | 49.7 | 786.0 | 200.8 | 311.7 | 133.8 | 221.4 | 198.8 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 55.2 | 381.9 | 437.1 | 0.3 | 148.2 | 1.2 | 12.6 | 114.9 | | 129.0 |
| 1956—June .. | 129.8 | 643.3 | 773.1 | 1.2 | 242.5 | 5.1 | 40.1 | 122.9 | 88.1 | 236.5 |
| 1957—June .. | 132.8 | 647.4 | 780.2 | 1.2 | 243.4 | 5.3 | 40.1 | 121.3 | 90.3 | 241.8 |
| 1958—June .. | 136.6 | 656.0 | 792.6 | 1.1 | 244.6 | 5.5 | 39.9 | 125.4 | 92.3 | 246.2 |
| 1957—October .. | 133.0 | 653.1 | 786.1 | 1.2 | 245.3 | 5.3 | 39.9 | 123.9 | 90.3 | 243.0 |
| November.. | 133.1 | 659.7 | 792.8 | 1.2 | 245.6 | 5.3 | 40.2 | 129.9 | 90.4 | 243.0 |
| December | 132.1 | 659.5 | 791.6 | 1.1 | 244.0 | 5.3 | 39.6 | 131.2 | 90.5 | 242.8 |
| 1958—January .. | 132.7 | 656.7 | 789.4 | 1.1 | 245.4 | 5.4 | 40.2 | 125.5 | 91.7 | 242.7 |
| October .. | 137.6 | 657.9 | 795.5 | 1.1 | 243.9 | 5.5 | 39.8 | 126.2 | 92.2 | 248.9 |
| November.. | 137.8 | 662.5 | 800.3 | 1.1 | 244.0 | 5.5 | 40.0 | 130.5 | 92.4 | 248.7 |
| December | 137.1 | 664.5 | 801.6 | 1.1 | 242.2 | 5.5 | 40.1 | 133.3 | 92.3 | 249.0 |
| 1959—January .. | 138.6 | 659.9 | 798.5 | 1.1 | 242.8 | 5.5 | 40.3 | 126.8 | 93.7 | 250.1 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 405.0 | 1,325.2 | 1,730.2 | 52.5 | 539.7 | 150.9 | 198.5 | 374.6 | | 262.6 |
| 1956—June .. | 734.7 | 2,120.1 | 2,854.8 | 58.5 | 1,020.5 | 219.7 | 350.5 | 252.8 | 300.8 | 423.7 |
| 1957—June .. | 742.3 | 2,122.6 | 2,864.9 | 57.5 | 1,024.0 | 212.6 | 353.1 | 250.7 | 304.3 | 434.8 |
| 1958—June .. | 758.4 | 2,128.1 | 2,886.5 | 52.7 | 1,032.7 | 207.8 | 351.7 | 257.9 | 308.6 | 442.4 |
| 1957—October .. | 741.9 | 2,125.3 | 2,867.2 | 55.5 | 1,027.9 | 207.4 | 349.1 | 254.7 | 306.6 | 436.9 |
| November.. | 741.1 | 2,131.9 | 2,873.0 | 55.1 | 1,028.4 | 204.7 | 347.5 | 263.9 | 307.0 | 437.0 |
| December | 741.1 | 2,129.9 | 2,871.0 | 54.7 | 1,023.9 | 202.4 | 347.5 | 267.4 | 307.4 | 437.8 |
| 1958—January .. | 744.6 | 2,129.1 | 2,873.7 | 54.4 | 1,029.6 | 203.9 | 350.4 | 258.6 | 308.7 | 437.1 |
| October .. | 759.1 | 2,129.8 | 2,888.9 | 52.0 | 1,032.6 | 206.0 | 349.7 | 259.2 | 310.1 | 445.9 |
| November.. | 760.6 | 2,141.0 | 2,901.6 | 51.7 | 1,034.8 | 206.2 | 350.5 | 266.1 | 312.2 | 446.3 |
| December | 759.9 | 2,138.6 | 2,898.5 | 51.7 | 1,026.2 | 204.7 | 349.8 | 272.2 | 312.4 | 447.4 |
| 1959—January .. | 765.7 | 2,132.0 | 2,897.7 | 50.8 | 1,028.8 | 206.3 | 352.0 | 260.6 | 315.1 | 448.9 |

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)(b)

('000.)

| Month. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 529.9 | 357.5 | 172.8 | 106.7 | 82.9 | 37.4 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1,293.1 |
| 1956—June .. | 808.5 | 583.2 | 282.4 | 187.9 | 140.5 | 65.7 | 5.0 | 8.5 | 2,081.7 |
| 1957—June .. | 810.1 | 585.8 | 283.6 | 186.4 | 138.4 | 66.0 | 5.5 | 8.9 | 2,084.7 |
| 1958—June .. | 812.4 | 592.6 | 282.3 | 186.2 | 138.6 | 66.7 | 5.4 | 9.7 | 2,093.9 |
| 1957—September | 809.3 | 585.4 | 281.0 | 185.9 | 138.4 | 65.3 | 5.5 | 9.3 | 2,080.1 |
| October .. | 810.4 | 586.7 | 279.6 | 185.4 | 138.7 | 65.5 | 5.5 | 9.3 | 2,081.1 |
| November.. | 810.3 | 587.6 | 277.6 | 185.2 | 139.2 | 65.5 | 5.4 | 9.4 | 2,080.2 |
| December | 811.3 | 589.1 | 273.4 | 185.5 | 138.9 | 66.2 | 5.5 | 9.5 | 2,079.4 |
| 1958—January .. | 812.3 | 591.0 | 273.8 | 186.5 | 139.0 | 66.8 | 5.4 | 9.5 | 2,084.3 |
| September | 809.0 | 591.1 | 282.3 | 186.2 | 138.8 | 65.8 | 5.4 | 10.0 | 2,088.6 |
| October .. | 811.8 | 592.1 | 282.6 | 186.6 | 139.2 | 65.8 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 2,093.4 |
| November.. | 815.3 | 594.9 | 283.7 | 187.0 | 139.0 | 65.9 | 5.6 | 9.9 | 2,101.3 |
| December | 814.3 | 596.1 | 277.9 | 187.2 | 139.3 | 66.6 | 5.6 | 9.9 | 2,096.9 |
| 1959—January .. | 814.2 | 598.3 | 277.6 | 187.8 | 139.3 | 66.7 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 2,099.2 |
| FEMALES. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 168.0 | 142.9 | 53.2 | 34.0 | 26.2 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 437.1 |
| 1956—June .. | 305.9 | 238.5 | 93.7 | 62.5 | 45.1 | 23.2 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 773.1 |
| 1957—June .. | 309.3 | 240.8 | 96.0 | 62.3 | 44.5 | 22.9 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 780.2 |
| 1958—June .. | 315.2 | 243.7 | 96.1 | 63.6 | 45.8 | 23.6 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 792.6 |
| 1957—September | 311.9 | 239.5 | 96.3 | 62.8 | 45.2 | 22.3 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 782.5 |
| October .. | 314.2 | 241.0 | 96.2 | 62.7 | 45.3 | 22.2 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 786.1 |
| November.. | 317.9 | 243.0 | 96.1 | 63.3 | 45.8 | 22.2 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 792.8 |
| December | 317.4 | 241.9 | 95.6 | 63.2 | 46.1 | 22.9 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 791.6 |
| 1958—January .. | 314.6 | 243.0 | 95.0 | 64.0 | 45.3 | 22.9 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 789.4 |
| September | 315.9 | 244.1 | 96.9 | 63.8 | 46.4 | 22.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 794.2 |
| October .. | 316.4 | 244.8 | 96.8 | 64.0 | 46.4 | 22.3 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 795.5 |
| November.. | 318.6 | 246.2 | 97.1 | 64.4 | 46.7 | 22.6 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 800.3 |
| December | 320.2 | 245.8 | 96.4 | 64.3 | 47.0 | 23.2 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 801.6 |
| 1959—January .. | 316.5 | 245.8 | 96.6 | 65.0 | 46.5 | 23.3 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 798.5 |
| PERSONS. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939—July .. | 697.9 | 500.4 | 226.0 | 140.7 | 109.1 | 49.0 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 1,730.2 |
| 1956—June .. | 1,114.4 | 821.7 | 376.1 | 250.4 | 185.6 | 88.9 | 6.1 | 11.6 | 2,854.8 |
| 1957—June .. | 1,119.4 | 826.6 | 379.6 | 248.7 | 182.9 | 88.9 | 6.7 | 12.1 | 2,864.9 |
| 1958—June .. | 1,127.6 | 836.3 | 378.4 | 249.8 | 184.4 | 90.3 | 6.6 | 13.1 | 2,886.5 |
| 1957—September | 1,121.2 | 824.9 | 377.3 | 248.7 | 183.6 | 87.6 | 6.7 | 12.6 | 2,862.6 |
| October .. | 1,124.6 | 827.7 | 375.8 | 248.1 | 184.0 | 87.7 | 6.7 | 12.6 | 2,867.2 |
| November.. | 1,128.2 | 830.6 | 373.7 | 248.5 | 185.0 | 87.7 | 6.6 | 12.7 | 2,873.0 |
| December | 1,128.7 | 831.0 | 369.0 | 248.7 | 185.0 | 89.1 | 6.7 | 12.8 | 2,871.0 |
| 1958—January .. | 1,126.9 | 834.0 | 368.8 | 250.5 | 184.3 | 89.7 | 6.6 | 12.9 | 2,873.7 |
| September | 1,124.9 | 835.2 | 379.2 | 250.0 | 185.2 | 88.1 | 6.8 | 13.4 | 2,882.8 |
| October .. | 1,128.2 | 836.9 | 379.4 | 250.6 | 185.6 | 88.1 | 6.9 | 13.2 | 2,888.9 |
| November.. | 1,133.9 | 841.1 | 380.8 | 251.4 | 185.7 | 88.5 | 6.9 | 13.3 | 2,901.6 |
| December | 1,134.5 | 841.9 | 374.3 | 251.5 | 186.3 | 89.8 | 6.9 | 13.3 | 2,898.5 |
| 1959—January .. | 1,130.7 | 844.1 | 374.2 | 252.8 | 185.8 | 90.0 | 6.8 | 13.3 | 2,897.7 |

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
See also notes on page 6.

(b) See note (b), page 8.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Un-adjusted. | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| Average of Monthly Figures— | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 197.8 | 183.0 | 45.9 | 39.3 | 21.4 | 11.8 | 359.6 | 139.6 | 499.2 | 950 | 959 |
| 1937-38 .. | 215.6 | 193.6 | 49.6 | 42.6 | 22.0 | 12.5 | 387.7 | 148.2 | 535.9 | 1,019 | 1,019 |
| 1938-39 .. | 219.5 | 193.9 | 51.5 | 42.0 | 22.1 | 13.2 | 391.8 | 150.4 | 542.2 | 1,031 | 1,022 |
| 1950-51 .. | 392.2 | 304.0 | 90.2 | 80.7 | 41.5 | 22.8 | 693.0 | 238.4 | 931.4 | 1,772 | 1,466 |
| 1951-52 .. | 391.5 | 310.9 | 90.0 | 81.5 | 42.7 | 23.0 | 707.9 | 231.7 | 939.6 | 1,787 | 1,440 |
| 1952-53 .. | 364.6 | 297.0 | 88.4 | 77.8 | 42.7 | 22.4 | 687.6 | 205.3 | 892.9 | 1,698 | 1,336 |
| 1953-54 .. | 386.3 | 317.3 | 93.0 | 82.7 | 44.9 | 23.4 | 721.6 | 226.0 | 947.6 | 1,802 | 1,392 |
| 1954-55 .. | 403.0 | 332.6 | 95.4 | 86.6 | 46.8 | 24.4 | 751.4 | 237.4 | 988.8 | 1,881 | 1,422 |
| 1955-56 .. | 417.0 | 341.3 | 97.2 | 89.9 | 47.5 | 26.0 | 775.4 | 243.5 | 1,018.9 | 1,938 | 1,429 |
| 1956-57 .. | 419.7 | 340.9 | 99.4 | 89.2 | 46.1 | 26.6 | 777.0 | 244.9 | 1,021.9 | 1,944 | 1,401 |
| 1957-58 .. | 427.6 | 343.1 | 97.5 | 89.2 | 45.9 | 26.5 | 784.0 | 245.8 | 1,029.8 | 1,959 | 1,381 |
| At end of Month— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 419.5 | 338.8 | 94.5 | 91.4 | 46.0 | 27.5 | 774.0 | 243.7 | 1,017.7 | 1,936 | 1,393 |
| February .. | 422.4 | 343.9 | 98.3 | 90.8 | 46.5 | 27.0 | 780.1 | 248.8 | 1,028.9 | 1,957 | 1,405 |
| March .. | 423.7 | 346.0 | 99.0 | 90.3 | 46.8 | 26.8 | 781.4 | 251.2 | 1,032.6 | 1,964 | 1,407 |
| April .. | 421.5 | 342.5 | 97.8 | 89.2 | 46.3 | 26.7 | 777.7 | 246.3 | 1,024.0 | 1,948 | 1,393 |
| May .. | 422.3 | 341.3 | 99.5 | 88.5 | 46.3 | 26.8 | 780.2 | 244.5 | 1,024.7 | 1,949 | 1,391 |
| June .. | 422.1 | 340.3 | 101.1 | 88.3 | 45.8 | 26.4 | 780.6 | 243.4 | 1,024.0 | 1,948 | 1,387 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 421.6 | 339.4 | 101.0 | 88.1 | 45.6 | 26.1 | 779.3 | 242.5 | 1,021.8 | 1,944 | 1,383 |
| August .. | 421.4 | 339.1 | 100.6 | 88.3 | 45.6 | 25.9 | 778.2 | 242.7 | 1,020.9 | 1,942 | 1,379 |
| September .. | 424.3 | 339.6 | 100.1 | 88.8 | 46.0 | 25.6 | 780.9 | 243.5 | 1,024.4 | 1,948 | 1,382 |
| October .. | 426.3 | 341.8 | 99.3 | 88.8 | 46.1 | 25.6 | 782.6 | 245.3 | 1,027.9 | 1,955 | 1,384 |
| November .. | 428.4 | 342.8 | 96.7 | 88.5 | 46.3 | 25.7 | 782.8 | 245.6 | 1,028.4 | 1,956 | 1,381 |
| December .. | 427.5 | 341.7 | 92.9 | 89.0 | 46.1 | 26.7 | 779.9 | 244.0 | 1,023.9 | 1,948 | 1,373 |
| January .. | 427.3 | 344.8 | 93.6 | 90.5 | 46.1 | 27.3 | 784.2 | 245.4 | 1,029.6 | 1,958 | 1,378 |
| February .. | 430.5 | 347.6 | 95.9 | 89.9 | 46.0 | 26.8 | 787.1 | 249.6 | 1,036.7 | 1,972 | 1,385 |
| March .. | 431.8 | 349.5 | 96.6 | 90.5 | 46.0 | 26.8 | 789.4 | 251.8 | 1,041.2 | 1,981 | 1,388 |
| April .. | 431.5 | 345.7 | 96.2 | 89.6 | 45.6 | 27.2 | 787.8 | 248.0 | 1,035.8 | 1,970 | 1,379 |
| May .. | 430.9 | 343.6 | 97.7 | 88.9 | 45.6 | 27.2 | 787.8 | 246.1 | 1,033.9 | 1,966 | 1,374 |
| June .. | 430.1 | 341.7 | 99.1 | 89.3 | 45.4 | 27.1 | 788.1 | 244.6 | 1,032.7 | 1,964 | 1,371 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 430.0 | 340.6 | 99.8 | 89.2 | 44.8 | 26.7 | 787.3 | 243.8 | 1,031.1 | 1,961 | 1,366 |
| August .. | 429.7 | 340.0 | 100.0 | 88.9 | 44.8 | 26.0 | 785.6 | 243.8 | 1,029.4 | 1,958 | 1,362 |
| September .. | 429.9 | 341.3 | 99.8 | 89.1 | 44.8 | 25.6 | 786.4 | 244.1 | 1,030.5 | 1,960 | 1,360 |
| October .. | 430.2 | 342.4 | 100.0 | 89.5 | 44.9 | 25.6 | 788.7 | 243.9 | 1,032.6 | 1,964 | 1,361 |
| November .. | 430.9 | 343.6 | 99.9 | 89.5 | 45.1 | 25.8 | 790.8 | 244.0 | 1,034.8 | 1,968 | 1,361 |
| December .. | 428.6 | 342.7 | 93.8 | 89.3 | 45.0 | 26.8 | 784.0 | 242.2 | 1,026.2 | 1,952 | 1,347 |
| January .. | 428.5 | 343.4 | 94.2 | 90.6 | 44.8 | 27.3 | 786.0 | 242.8 | 1,028.8 | 1,957 | 1,349 |

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1957, are based on the results of the annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1957, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

| Period. | | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queens-land. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | Males. | Females. | Persons. |
| Average of Monthly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52.. | .. | 95.9 | 68.6 | 31.3 | 23.6 | 18.4 | 7.3 | 128.0 | 117.7 | 245.7 |
| 1952-53.. | .. | 90.1 | 66.1 | 30.0 | 22.4 | 18.1 | 7.2 | 124.2 | 110.4 | 234.6 |
| 1953-54.. | .. | 93.0 | 67.5 | 30.6 | 23.1 | 19.0 | 7.5 | 127.2 | 114.0 | 241.2 |
| 1954-55.. | .. | 96.3 | 69.9 | 31.2 | 24.2 | 19.6 | 7.7 | 129.7 | 119.8 | 249.5 |
| 1955-56.. | .. | 97.7 | 71.4 | 31.7 | 25.3 | 19.8 | 8.0 | 130.5 | 124.2 | 254.7 |
| 1956-57.. | .. | 96.3 | 71.2 | 32.0 | 24.8 | 19.7 | 7.9 | 130.0 | 122.7 | 252.7 |
| 1957-58.. | .. | 98.9 | 72.5 | 32.5 | 24.7 | 20.0 | 7.8 | 132.2 | 125.0 | 257.2 |
| At end of Month— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | .. | 96.1 | 71.1 | 32.1 | 25.0 | 19.9 | 8.1 | 130.2 | 122.9 | 253.1 |
| February | .. | 95.3 | 70.9 | 31.9 | 24.7 | 19.8 | 8.0 | 129.7 | 121.6 | 251.3 |
| March | .. | 95.2 | 70.5 | 31.6 | 24.6 | 19.8 | 7.9 | 129.1 | 121.2 | 250.3 |
| April .. | .. | 94.7 | 70.5 | 31.6 | 24.6 | 19.6 | 8.0 | 128.8 | 120.7 | 249.5 |
| May .. | .. | 95.5 | 70.7 | 32.1 | 24.4 | 19.9 | 7.9 | 129.3 | 121.9 | 251.2 |
| June .. | .. | 95.0 | 70.7 | 32.2 | 24.4 | 19.8 | 7.9 | 129.4 | 121.3 | 250.7 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 95.4 | 70.7 | 32.2 | 24.3 | 19.8 | 7.8 | 129.6 | 121.3 | 250.9 |
| August | .. | 95.8 | 70.3 | 32.1 | 24.3 | 19.5 | 7.7 | 129.5 | 121.0 | 250.5 |
| September | .. | 96.5 | 71.0 | 32.3 | 24.4 | 19.6 | 7.7 | 130.0 | 122.1 | 252.1 |
| October | .. | 98.3 | 71.5 | 32.5 | 24.4 | 19.6 | 7.6 | 130.8 | 123.9 | 254.7 |
| November | .. | 103.0 | 73.8 | 33.4 | 25.2 | 20.1 | 7.8 | 134.0 | 129.9 | 263.9 |
| December | .. | 104.2 | 75.5 | 33.1 | 25.1 | 20.6 | 8.1 | 136.2 | 131.2 | 267.4 |
| January | .. | 99.5 | 72.9 | 32.5 | 24.9 | 20.3 | 7.8 | 133.1 | 125.5 | 258.6 |
| February | .. | 99.3 | 72.7 | 32.3 | 24.7 | 20.1 | 7.8 | 133.2 | 124.6 | 257.8 |
| March | .. | 98.6 | 72.6 | 32.1 | 24.7 | 20.1 | 7.7 | 132.4 | 124.2 | 256.6 |
| April | .. | 98.4 | 72.8 | 32.2 | 24.7 | 20.1 | 7.7 | 132.3 | 124.4 | 256.7 |
| May .. | .. | 99.5 | 73.2 | 32.5 | 24.6 | 20.4 | 7.7 | 133.0 | 125.8 | 258.8 |
| June .. | .. | 98.7 | 73.3 | 32.4 | 24.5 | 20.3 | 7.7 | 132.5 | 125.4 | 257.9 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 98.9 | 73.2 | 32.3 | 24.4 | 20.4 | 7.6 | 132.3 | 125.3 | 257.6 |
| August | .. | 98.2 | 73.1 | 32.2 | 24.4 | 20.3 | 7.5 | 132.0 | 124.7 | 256.7 |
| September | .. | 98.4 | 73.6 | 32.3 | 24.6 | 20.6 | 7.5 | 132.6 | 125.2 | 257.8 |
| October | .. | 99.1 | 74.0 | 32.3 | 24.8 | 20.6 | 7.5 | 133.0 | 126.2 | 259.2 |
| November | .. | 102.6 | 75.6 | 33.0 | 25.4 | 21.1 | 7.6 | 135.6 | 130.5 | 266.1 |
| December | .. | 106.2 | 76.5 | 33.4 | 25.8 | 21.7 | 7.9 | 138.9 | 133.3 | 272.2 |
| January | .. | 98.8 | 74.4 | 32.5 | 25.1 | 21.2 | 7.8 | 133.8 | 126.8 | 260.6 |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

| Period. | Unemployment. | | | | | | | | | Sickness. | Special. (b) |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------|--------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | N.T. | A.C.T. | Australia. | Australia. | Australia. |
| Average of Monthly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49(c) .. | d 282 | 32 | 1,094 | (e) 15 | 121 | 31 | (f) | (g) | 1,575 | 7,614 | 591 |
| 1949-50(c) .. | d 8,327 | 123 | 1,371 | (e) 241 | 155 | 30 | (f) | (g) | 10,247 | 7,585 | 897 |
| 1950-51(c) .. | d 287 | 71 | 326 | (e) 6 | 59 | 14 | (f) | (g) | 763 | 7,059 | 863 |
| 1951-52 .. | d 949 | 220 | 1,374 | (e) 24 | 64 | 16 | (f) | (g) | 2,647 | 6,454 | 993 |
| 1952-53 .. | d 17,590 | 6,168 | 4,281 | (e) 842 | 841 | 262 | (f) | (g) | 29,984 | 7,140 | 1,408 |
| 1953-54 .. | d 6,495 | 2,698 | 3,169 | (e) 252 | 406 | 212 | (f) | (g) | 13,232 | 7,994 | 1,868 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,440 | 538 | 1,408 | 66 | 153 | 81 | 1 | 3 | 3,690 | 7,984 | 1,983 |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,362 | 479 | 1,511 | 83 | 515 | 57 | 1 | 6 | 4,014 | 7,303 | 1,973 |
| 1956-57 .. | 4,151 | 3,349 | 2,343 | 702 | 1,972 | 134 | .. | 15 | 12,666 | 6,992 | 2,012 |
| 1957-58 .. | 8,706 | 5,127 | 5,588 | 1,566 | 2,360 | 512 | 9 | 32 | 23,900 | 7,314 | 2,107 |
| Last Saturday of Month— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 4,327 | 2,677 | 4,218 | 462 | 1,930 | 71 | .. | 9 | 13,694 | 6,808 | 2,076 |
| March .. | 4,311 | 2,771 | 3,802 | 481 | 1,607 | 94 | .. | 11 | 13,077 | 7,112 | 2,063 |
| April .. | 5,230 | 3,772 | 3,876 | 631 | 1,804 | 126 | .. | 14 | 15,453 | 6,506 | 2,008 |
| May .. | 5,378 | 4,057 | 3,009 | 835 | 1,803 | 236 | .. | 7 | 15,325 | 6,896 | 1,985 |
| June .. | 6,230 | 5,073 | 2,851 | 1,054 | 2,441 | 410 | .. | 12 | 18,071 | 6,845 | 1,971 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 7,318 | 5,887 | 2,411 | 1,345 | 2,772 | 543 | .. | 15 | 20,291 | 6,813 | 1,970 |
| August .. | 7,878 | 5,618 | 2,216 | 1,320 | 2,458 | 665 | .. | 20 | 20,175 | 7,176 | 1,965 |
| September | 7,177 | 5,271 | 2,458 | 1,233 | 2,120 | 695 | 2 | 19 | 18,975 | 7,305 | 1,997 |
| October .. | 6,446 | 4,661 | 2,585 | 1,240 | 2,075 | 662 | 2 | 17 | 17,688 | 7,309 | 2,050 |
| November | 7,005 | 4,390 | 4,450 | 1,418 | 1,865 | 594 | 2 | 24 | 19,748 | 7,343 | 2,097 |
| December | 8,900 | 4,695 | 7,801 | 1,568 | 2,393 | 591 | 2 | 55 | 26,005 | 6,815 | 2,150 |
| January .. | 9,835 | 4,974 | 9,357 | 1,518 | 2,596 | 434 | 4 | 37 | 28,755 | 6,858 | 2,168 |
| February | 9,575 | 4,085 | 9,431 | 1,425 | 2,257 | 326 | 19 | 45 | 27,163 | 7,464 | 2,180 |
| March .. | 8,673 | 4,135 | 7,814 | 1,521 | 2,018 | 243 | 33 | 48 | 24,485 | 7,299 | 2,153 |
| April .. | 9,533 | 5,006 | 7,831 | 1,873 | 2,214 | 296 | 23 | 35 | 26,811 | 7,381 | 2,191 |
| May .. | 10,465 | 5,894 | 5,799 | 2,075 | 2,543 | 459 | 10 | 37 | 27,282 | 7,970 | 2,216 |
| June .. | 11,669 | 6,899 | 4,905 | 2,258 | 3,005 | 639 | 9 | 34 | 29,418 | 8,001 | 2,149 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 12,054 | 7,442 | 3,907 | 2,385 | 3,363 | 712 | 8 | 44 | 29,915 | 8,044 | 2,093 |
| August .. | 11,309 | 7,435 | 3,176 | 2,204 | 3,219 | 891 | 3 | 41 | 28,278 | 8,703 | 2,091 |
| September | 10,587 | 6,735 | 2,984 | 1,930 | 2,875 | 849 | 3 | 39 | 26,002 | 8,472 | 2,040 |
| October .. | 10,267 | 5,656 | 2,874 | 1,706 | 2,709 | 789 | 1 | 35 | 24,037 | 8,651 | 2,071 |
| November | 9,827 | 4,916 | 3,031 | 1,505 | 2,354 | 635 | 2 | 32 | 22,302 | 8,695 | 2,112 |
| December | 11,819 | 5,436 | 5,460 | 1,703 | 2,501 | 580 | 4 | 62 | 27,565 | 7,888 | 2,034 |
| January | 12,794 | 5,389 | 8,359 | 1,461 | 3,009 | 411 | 10 | 53 | 31,486 | 7,778 | 2,157 |
| February | 12,032 | 4,572 | 6,866 | 1,321 | 2,914 | 454 | 10 | 38 | 28,207 | 7,791 | 2,235 |

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(b) Excludes migrants in reception and training centres.

(c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act* 1947-1958.

(d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes the Northern Territory.

(f) Included with

South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a) | | | Amount paid in Benefits during Month. | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Males. | Females. | Persons. | Unem- ployment. | Sickness. | Special— | | Total. |
| | | | | | | Migrants. (b) | Ordinary. | |
| | | | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49.. .. | 955 | 56 | 1,011 | 11,570 | 66,319 | 7,088 | 4,225 | 89,202 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 10,854 | 2,571 | 13,425 | 105,506 | 68,001 | 35,361 | | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 881 | 111 | 992 | 5,204 | 62,143 | 13,520 | 5,568 | 86,435 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 1,771 | 520 | 2,291 | 15,584 | 59,157 | 2,319 | 6,911 | 83,971 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 12,793 | 1,797 | 14,590 | 380,812 | 116,108 | 8,172 | 16,197 | 521,289 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 4,368 | 810 | 5,178 | 208,788 | 139,633 | 4,561 | 25,639 | 378,621 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 1,529 | 496 | 2,025 | 56,620 | 133,987 | 4,534 | 24,848 | 219,989 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 2,525 | 590 | 3,115 | 55,985 | 126,589 | 5,433 | 25,585 | 213,592 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 6,811 | 1,192 | 8,003 | 174,670 | 124,877 | 6,785 | 26,954 | 333,286 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 9,951 | 2,039 | 11,990 | 409,981 | 154,771 | 13,275 | 32,868 | 610,895 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 7,755 | 1,245 | 9,000 | 222,303 | 116,006 | 4,956 | 31,777 | 375,042 |
| March(c) .. | 6,907 | 1,467 | 8,374 | 193,234 | 117,846 | 7,286 | 25,130 | 343,496 |
| April .. | 7,319 | 1,364 | 8,683 | 172,388 | 105,214 | 7,762 | 24,025 | 309,389 |
| May .. | 6,893 | 1,323 | 8,216 | 230,126 | 135,683 | 10,889 | 30,128 | 406,826 |
| June(c) .. | 10,135 | 2,143 | 12,278 | 256,044 | 148,461 | 18,573 | 31,609 | 454,687 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 9,165 | 1,959 | 11,124 | 256,170 | 100,619 | 28,874 | 22,636 | 408,299 |
| August(c) .. | 10,309 | 1,755 | 12,064 | 322,989 | 145,700 | 20,775 | 26,473 | 515,937 |
| September .. | 7,272 | 1,370 | 8,642 | 274,373 | 114,295 | 16,827 | 22,881 | 428,376 |
| October .. | 6,219 | 1,305 | 7,524 | 273,086 | 126,589 | 14,961 | 23,588 | 438,224 |
| November(c) .. | 9,264 | 1,814 | 11,078 | 365,919 | 191,174 | 10,652 | 38,818 | 606,563 |
| December .. | 12,152 | 1,433 | 13,585 | 379,388 | 149,356 | 14,050 | 31,159 | 573,953 |
| January .. | 11,983 | 1,536 | 13,519 | 563,367 | 159,991 | 13,039 | 36,880 | 773,277 |
| February .. | 10,562 | 2,300 | 12,862 | 585,502 | 161,223 | 17,866 | 36,313 | 800,904 |
| March(c) .. | 10,629 | 2,661 | 13,290 | 479,702 | 179,936 | 5,594 | 39,326 | 704,558 |
| April .. | 9,264 | 2,508 | 11,772 | 450,781 | 167,238 | 7,175 | 37,634 | 662,828 |
| May .. | 12,160 | 3,248 | 15,408 | 515,038 | 188,744 | 6,289 | 43,205 | 753,276 |
| June .. | 10,432 | 2,577 | 13,009 | 453,460 | 172,398 | 3,198 | 35,493 | 664,549 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 9,983 | 2,466 | 12,449 | 490,555 | 170,695 | 5,085 | 32,698 | 699,033 |
| August(c) .. | 10,951 | 2,724 | 13,675 | 564,067 | 206,765 | 5,581 | 37,461 | 813,874 |
| September .. | 7,611 | 1,966 | 9,577 | 474,595 | 187,927 | 2,282 | 34,092 | 698,896 |
| October .. | 6,531 | 1,714 | 8,245 | 482,293 | 192,288 | 4,731 | 34,680 | 713,992 |
| November(c) .. | 7,786 | 2,323 | 10,109 | 431,426 | 195,064 | 1,588 | 34,838 | 662,916 |
| December .. | 10,291 | 1,906 | 12,197 | 393,728 | 156,186 | 5,902 | 31,778 | 587,594 |
| January(c) .. | 17,160 | 2,603 | 19,763 | 605,054 | 171,145 | 12,200 | 29,778 | 818,177 |
| February .. | 9,567 | 2,580 | 12,147 | 573,460 | 167,878 | 9,393 | 37,133 | 787,864 |

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) In reception and training centres.

(c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1957-58 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from a Census taken in respect of that year, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1949-50 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Groceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery and Footwear. | Hardware.(c) | Electrical Goods. (d) | Furniture. | Other Goods. | Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.). | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(e) |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1949-50 .. | 40.2 | 18.9 | 32.9 | 26.2 | 66.0 | 16.6 | 10.9 | 13.6 | 51.1 | 276.4 | 68.3 |
| 1950-51 .. | 46.5 | 23.1 | 38.9 | 30.8 | 82.1 | 22.8 | 16.2 | 19.2 | 63.1 | 342.7 | 95.5 |
| 1951-52 .. | 58.2 | 29.7 | 47.0 | 38.5 | 87.9 | 27.4 | 19.4 | 19.0 | 76.9 | 404.0 | 108.3 |
| 1952-53 .. | 65.4 | 31.9 | 51.7 | 43.2 | 88.8 | 28.4 | 19.0 | 18.2 | 78.9 | 425.5 | 104.3 |
| 1953-54 .. | 68.8 | 33.4 | 55.9 | 46.7 | 96.9 | 31.2 | 22.8 | 20.3 | 84.2 | 460.2 | 122.9 |
| 1954-55 .. | 76.5 | 36.6 | 61.6 | 50.7 | 105.5 | 35.7 | 25.1 | 21.7 | 91.8 | 505.2 | 145.6 |
| 1955-56 .. | 84.0 | 39.6 | 67.2 | 54.9 | 109.4 | 38.3 | 26.6 | 23.1 | 99.0 | 542.1 | 157.6 |
| 1956-57 .. | 88.0 | 42.7 | 70.1 | 58.9 | 110.7 | 38.5 | 28.4 | 23.2 | 104.3 | 564.8 | 159.4 |
| 1957-58 .. | 93.1 | 43.5 | 73.7 | 61.9 | 114.4 | 39.8 | 34.0 | 24.6 | 109.2 | 594.2 | 178.0 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June Qtr. .. | 66.6 | 32.7 | 52.2 | 42.0 | 97.7 | 29.3 | 18.0 | 18.2 | 76.4 | 433.1 | 110.3 |
| 1953-54— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 67.9 | 33.4 | 53.0 | 41.9 | 88.0 | 29.6 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 78.9 | 432.4 | 113.6 |
| Dec. " .. | 72.9 | 33.8 | 58.5 | 51.9 | 111.4 | 34.9 | 28.0 | 22.8 | 96.6 | 510.8 | 127.3 |
| Mar. " .. | 65.6 | 32.7 | 56.0 | 48.3 | 82.7 | 28.7 | 22.1 | 18.1 | 78.6 | 432.8 | 117.4 |
| June " .. | 68.7 | 34.0 | 56.2 | 44.6 | 105.5 | 31.5 | 21.0 | 20.5 | 82.8 | 464.8 | 133.4 |
| 1954-55— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 72.3 | 35.9 | 58.2 | 45.4 | 97.3 | 34.3 | 23.1 | 21.8 | 82.3 | 470.6 | 141.5 |
| Dec. " .. | 80.7 | 36.5 | 64.1 | 53.7 | 120.2 | 39.2 | 30.8 | 24.6 | 104.8 | 554.6 | 149.0 |
| Mar. " .. | 74.2 | 35.9 | 62.2 | 53.6 | 90.0 | 33.6 | 24.0 | 19.3 | 87.7 | 480.5 | 173.3 |
| June " .. | 78.8 | 38.1 | 62.1 | 50.0 | 114.5 | 35.6 | 22.6 | 21.2 | 92.3 | 515.2 | 154.7 |
| 1955-56— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 81.3 | 38.4 | 63.6 | 49.2 | 103.1 | 37.7 | 25.1 | 23.4 | 92.0 | 513.8 | 160.8 |
| Dec. " .. | 86.3 | 39.3 | 69.9 | 58.7 | 125.5 | 42.2 | 33.0 | 25.7 | 115.9 | 596.5 | 164.1 |
| Mar. " .. | 83.8 | 39.3 | 68.9 | 57.0 | 93.1 | 35.7 | 24.6 | 20.7 | 92.4 | 515.5 | 151.1 |
| June " .. | 84.5 | 41.6 | 66.3 | 54.8 | 115.9 | 37.8 | 23.5 | 22.5 | 95.8 | 542.7 | 154.2 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 86.8 | 42.1 | 67.7 | 53.3 | 102.3 | 36.7 | 24.5 | 23.0 | 97.7 | 534.1 | 153.8 |
| Dec. " .. | 92.0 | 42.7 | 72.6 | 64.2 | 128.3 | 42.7 | 34.0 | 26.0 | 118.4 | 620.9 | 165.0 |
| Mar. " .. | 84.9 | 42.4 | 70.2 | 60.6 | 95.7 | 36.6 | 26.6 | 21.1 | 99.0 | 537.1 | 153.9 |
| June " .. | 88.3 | 43.6 | 70.1 | 57.5 | 116.5 | 38.0 | 28.4 | 22.6 | 102.0 | 567.0 | 164.9 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 90.1 | 44.3 | 69.9 | 56.8 | 107.2 | 38.3 | 29.8 | 24.5 | 103.1 | 564.0 | 169.6 |
| Dec. " .. | 96.1 | 42.7 | 77.5 | 69.0 | 134.1 | 44.6 | 38.8 | 27.4 | 125.4 | 655.6 | 186.8 |
| Mar. " .. | 92.0 | 42.7 | 74.8 | 63.6 | 96.5 | 38.0 | 34.4 | 22.6 | 104.0 | 568.6 | 174.3 |
| June " .. | 94.4 | 44.3 | 72.8 | 58.3 | 119.9 | 38.1 | 32.8 | 23.9 | 104.2 | 588.7 | 181.1 |

(a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

| Period. | Number of Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) | | Amount Financed.(b) | | Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.) | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| | | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC. | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1955-56 | 25,405 | r17,710 | 697 | 10,464 | 412 | 59 | |
| 1956-57 | r26,376 | r18,717 | 710 | r11,389 | 432 | 61 | |
| 1957-58 | r29,761 | r21,419 | 720 | r13,092 | 440 | 61 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | |
| December | r31,820 | 23,115 | r726 | r14,185 | 446 | 61 | |
| January | r28,981 | r20,265 | r699 | r12,478 | 431 | 62 | |
| February | 28,012 | r20,504 | 732 | r12,445 | 444 | 61 | |
| March | r30,459 | r22,576 | r741 | r13,732 | 451 | 61 | |
| April | r31,369 | r23,186 | r739 | r14,103 | 450 | 61 | |
| May | r32,571 | r24,025 | 738 | r14,694 | r451 | 61 | |
| June | r29,546 | r21,525 | 729 | r13,236 | 448 | 61 | |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | |
| July | r32,609 | r23,362 | r716 | r14,248 | 437 | 61 | |
| August | r30,944 | r21,890 | r707 | r13,453 | 435 | 61 | |
| September | r34,424 | r24,436 | 710 | r15,040 | 437 | 62 | |
| October | r36,871 | r26,387 | r716 | r16,384 | r444 | 62 | |
| November | r33,236 | r24,163 | r727 | r15,077 | r454 | 62 | |
| December | r36,357 | r27,057 | r744 | r16,904 | r465 | 62 | |
| January p | 29,734 | 20,754 | 698 | 13,041 | 439 | 63 | |
| PLANT AND MACHINERY. | | | | | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1955-56 | 1,583 | 991 | 626 | 615 | 389 | 62 | |
| 1956-57 | r1,920 | 1,228 | 640 | 769 | 401 | 63 | |
| 1957-58 | r1,940 | r1,324 | r682 | r848 | r437 | 64 | |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | |
| December | r2,073 | 1,501 | r724 | 960 | r463 | 64 | |
| January | r1,683 | r1,184 | r704 | r772 | r459 | 65 | |
| February | r2,087 | r1,331 | r638 | r874 | r419 | 66 | |
| March | r2,138 | r1,299 | r608 | r843 | r394 | 65 | |
| April | r2,052 | 1,331 | r649 | 868 | r423 | 65 | |
| May | r2,326 | r1,559 | 670 | r1,018 | r438 | 65 | |
| June | r1,755 | 1,061 | r605 | 679 | r387 | 64 | |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | |
| July | r2,107 | r1,371 | r651 | r903 | r429 | 66 | |
| August | r2,024 | r1,281 | r633 | r843 | r417 | 66 | |
| September | r2,409 | r1,759 | r730 | r1,142 | r474 | 65 | |
| October | r3,006 | r2,134 | r710 | r1,327 | r441 | r62 | |
| November | r3,087 | r2,537 | r822 | r1,610 | r522 | 63 | |
| December | r3,142 | r2,536 | r807 | r1,661 | r529 | r65 | |
| January p | 2,276 | 1,305 | 573 | 836 | 367 | 64 | |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

| Period. | Number of Agreements. | Value of Goods.(a) | | Amount Financed.(b) | | Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | Total. (£'000.) | Average per Agreement. (£) | |
| HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS. | | | | | | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1955-56 | 57,229 | 4,329 | 76 | 3,515 | 61 | 81 |
| 1956-57 | r57,496 | r4,448 | 77 | r3,568 | 62 | 80 |
| 1957-58 | r68,681 | r6,984 | 102 | r5,654 | 82 | 81 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | |
| December | r82,699 | r7,806 | 94 | r6,329 | 77 | 81 |
| January | r72,009 | r7,349 | 102 | r5,932 | 82 | 81 |
| February | r68,488 | r7,235 | 106 | r5,821 | 85 | 80 |
| March | r73,747 | r8,183 | 111 | r6,589 | 89 | 81 |
| April | r67,134 | r7,087 | 106 | r5,757 | 86 | 81 |
| May | r75,001 | r8,091 | 108 | r6,613 | 88 | 82 |
| June | r67,577 | r6,964 | 103 | r5,658 | r84 | 81 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | |
| July | r71,356 | r7,364 | r103 | r6,014 | r84 | 82 |
| August | r66,522 | r7,048 | 106 | r5,775 | 87 | 82 |
| September | r70,835 | r7,421 | 105 | r6,057 | 86 | 82 |
| October | r74,182 | r7,634 | r103 | r6,237 | r84 | 82 |
| November | r69,636 | r6,976 | r100 | r5,710 | r82 | 82 |
| December | r84,743 | r7,792 | 92 | r6,435 | 76 | 83 |
| January p | 72,311 | 6,860 | 95 | 5,597 | 77 | 82 |

TOTAL (ALL GOODS).

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|------|---------|------|----|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1955-56 | 84,217 | r23,030 | 273 | 14,594 | 173 | 63 |
| 1956-57 | r85,792 | r24,393 | 284 | r15,726 | 183 | 64 |
| 1957-58 | r100,382 | r29,727 | 296 | r19,594 | 195 | 66 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | |
| December | r116,592 | r32,422 | 278 | r21,474 | 184 | 66 |
| January | r102,673 | r28,798 | r280 | r19,182 | 187 | 67 |
| February | r98,587 | r29,079 | 295 | r19,140 | 194 | 66 |
| March | r106,344 | r32,058 | r301 | r21,164 | 199 | 66 |
| April | r100,555 | r31,604 | r314 | r20,728 | 206 | 66 |
| May | r109,898 | 33,675 | r306 | 22,325 | 203 | 66 |
| June | r98,878 | r29,550 | 299 | r19,573 | 198 | 66 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | |
| July | r106,072 | r32,097 | r303 | r21,165 | 200 | 66 |
| August | r99,490 | r30,219 | r304 | r20,071 | r202 | 66 |
| September | r107,668 | r33,616 | r312 | r22,239 | r207 | 66 |
| October | r114,059 | r36,155 | r317 | r23,948 | r210 | 66 |
| November | r105,959 | r33,676 | r318 | r22,397 | r211 | 67 |
| December | r124,242 | r37,385 | r301 | r25,000 | r201 | 67 |
| January p | 104,321 | 28,919 | 277 | 19,474 | 187 | 67 |

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

| As at— | New South Wales.(b) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(c) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1953— | | | | | | | |
| 31st December(d) .. | 43,120 | 25,407 | 18,489 | 11,068 | 8,415 | 3,865 | 110,364 |
| 1954— | | | | | | | |
| 31st March .. | 46,914 | 27,615 | 19,802 | 11,998 | 8,957 | 4,232 | 119,518 |
| 30th June .. | 50,779 | 30,806 | 22,489 | 13,380 | 10,154 | 4,772 | 132,380 |
| 30th September .. | 54,340 | 34,240 | 24,193 | 15,132 | 11,382 | 5,274 | 144,561 |
| 31st December .. | 61,283 | 38,877 | 26,667 | 17,023 | 12,525 | 5,918 | 162,293 |
| 1955— | | | | | | | |
| 31st March .. | 65,319 | 41,843 | 27,622 | 17,722 | 13,197 | 6,434 | 172,137 |
| 30th June .. | 69,067 | 44,590 | 29,240 | 18,633 | 14,151 | 7,012 | 182,693 |
| 30th September .. | 75,174 | 48,283 | 31,298 | 19,930 | 15,078 | 7,460 | 197,223 |
| 31st December .. | 79,654 | 53,180 | 32,764 | 21,547 | 16,080 | 7,951 | 211,176 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | |
| 31st March .. | 78,770 | 55,030 | 32,350 | 21,507 | 15,844 | 8,033 | 211,534 |
| 30th June .. | 78,992 | 56,025 | 32,266 | 21,618 | 15,388 | 8,163 | 212,452 |
| 31st July .. | 79,254 | 56,411 | 32,814 | 21,827 | 15,171 | 8,256 | 213,733 |
| 31st August .. | 79,926 | 57,066 | 33,468 | 22,302 | 15,058 | 8,376 | 216,196 |
| 30th September .. | 80,724 | 57,748 | 33,962 | 22,772 | 15,276 | 8,497 | 218,979 |
| 31st October .. | 81,724 | 58,630 | 34,774 | 23,350 | 15,428 | 8,653 | 222,559 |
| 30th November .. | 82,463 | 59,998 | 35,460 | 24,148 | 15,642 | 8,827 | 226,538 |
| 31st December .. | 83,730 | 61,023 | 36,089 | 24,751 | 15,877 | 9,033 | 230,503 |
| 1957— | | | | | | | |
| 31st January .. | 83,962 | 61,317 | 36,365 | 25,126 | 15,783 | 8,998 | 231,551 |
| 28th February .. | 83,740 | 61,585 | 36,484 | 25,237 | 15,416 | 8,988 | 231,450 |
| 31st March .. | 83,617 | 61,866 | 36,608 | 25,226 | 15,331 | 9,049 | 231,697 |
| 30th April .. | 84,008 | 62,231 | 36,796 | 25,164 | 15,448 | 8,994 | 232,641 |
| 31st May .. | 84,383 | 63,011 | 36,910 | 25,306 | 15,519 | 9,034 | 234,163 |
| 30th June .. | 85,131 | 64,045 | 36,934 | 25,349 | 15,488 | 9,023 | 235,970 |
| 31st July .. | 85,925 | 65,031 | 37,062 | 25,369 | 15,558 | 9,008 | 237,953 |
| 31st August .. | 86,758 | 66,387 | 37,482 | 25,553 | 15,760 | 8,998 | 240,938 |
| 30th September .. | 88,364 | 67,434 | 37,962 | 25,800 | 15,982 | 8,985 | 244,527 |
| 31st October .. | 90,330 | 69,199 | 38,332 | 26,191 | 16,398 | 9,028 | 249,478 |
| 30th November .. | 92,824 | 71,459 | 39,274 | 26,727 | 16,900 | 9,219 | 256,403 |
| 31st December .. | 96,060 | 74,138 | 40,286 | 27,454 | 17,470 | 9,457 | 264,865 |
| 1958— | | | | | | | |
| 31st January .. | 98,034 | 75,937 | 40,641 | 27,808 | 17,838 | 9,600 | 269,858 |
| 28th February .. | 100,036 | 77,851 | 40,943 | 27,921 | 17,841 | 9,655 | 274,247 |
| 31st March .. | 102,676 | 79,481 | 41,266 | 27,898 | 18,060 | 9,798 | 279,179 |
| 30th April .. | 105,479 | 81,848 | 41,552 | 28,329 | 18,471 | 9,918 | 285,597 |
| 31st May .. | 109,167 | 84,110 | 42,111 | 28,628 | 18,828 | 9,929 | 292,773 |
| 30th June .. | 111,170 | 85,123 | 42,483 | 28,761 | 19,052 | 9,932 | 296,521 |
| 31st July .. | 114,116 | 86,593 | 42,903 | 28,936 | 19,160 | 9,924 | 301,632 |
| 31st August .. | 116,803 | 87,832 | 43,420 | 29,172 | 19,363 | 9,986 | 306,576 |
| 30th September .. | 119,583 | 89,915 | 44,361 | 29,719 | 19,605 | 10,109 | 313,292 |
| 31st October .. | 122,976 | 91,848 | 45,474 | 30,328 | 20,107 | 10,234 | 320,967 |
| 30th November .. | 126,309 | 94,123 | 46,303 | 30,965 | 20,708 | 10,332 | 328,740 |
| 31st December .. | 129,964 | 96,455 | 47,472 | 31,867 | 21,201 | 10,665 | 337,624 |
| 1959— | | | | | | | |
| 31st January p .. | 131,623 | 97,174 | 47,518 | 32,086 | 21,267 | 10,651 | 340,319 |

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance businesses. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

| Period. | | | | | | | | Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded. | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Taxable Goods. | Exempt Goods. | Total. |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15.4 | 21.8 | 37.2 |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.9 | 23.6 | 40.5 |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.4 | 23.4 | 39.8 |
| 1947-48 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26.2 | 53.3 | 79.5 |
| 1948-49 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30.3 | 63.1 | 93.4 |
| 1949-50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38.0 | 72.2 | 110.2 |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | r46.1 | 94.9 | r141.0 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 52.0 | 110.1 | 162.1 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46.3 | 111.8 | 158.1 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 57.3 | 122.2 | 179.5 |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63.9 | 141.6 | 205.5 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 66.5 | 154.8 | 221.3 |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 65.1 | 168.1 | 233.2 |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 70.8 | 175.5 | 246.3 |

| Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax. | | | | | | | | Monthly Net Sales Recorded. | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8½% | 12½% | 16½% | 25% | 30% | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | .. | .. | 17.2 | 35.3 | 9.1 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 80.7 | 175.1 | 255.8 |
| January | .. | .. | 10.9 | 25.8 | 8.4 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 59.3 | 152.5 | 211.8 |
| February | .. | .. | 12.7 | 29.4 | 9.4 | 6.7 | 11.2 | 69.4 | 168.2 | 237.6 |
| March | .. | .. | 13.3 | 29.9 | 9.7 | 7.1 | 11.6 | 71.6 | 176.1 | 247.7 |
| April | .. | .. | 12.2 | 27.8 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 11.7 | 67.7 | 171.5 | 239.2 |
| May | .. | .. | 13.8 | 28.5 | 9.8 | 7.8 | 12.1 | 72.0 | 188.3 | 260.3 |
| June | .. | .. | 11.7 | 26.4 | 9.1 | 6.6 | 11.0 | 64.8 | 179.9 | 244.7 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | .. | 13.5 | 30.0 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 10.4 | 70.3 | 181.8 | 252.1 |
| August | .. | .. | 14.1 | 30.7 | 9.1 | 7.6 | 12.0 | 73.5 | 173.4 | 246.9 |
| September | .. | .. | 15.0 | 33.9 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 12.7 | 79.4 | 185.9 | 265.3 |
| October | .. | .. | 16.2 | r36.6 | 10.5 | r7.9 | 12.8 | r84.0 | r189.7 | r273.7 |
| November(a) | .. | .. | r16.8 | r35.6 | r9.8 | r7.5 | r12.1 | r81.8 | r191.6 | r273.4 |
| December(a) | .. | .. | 17.8 | 38.0 | 9.5 | 8.6 | 11.4 | 85.3 | 186.2 | 271.5 |

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials for use in— | | | | | | | | Fuels and Lubricants. (d) | Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e) | Munitions and War Stores. | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| | Building and Construction. | Rural Industries. | Manufacturing. | | Total. (c) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i> | Other. (c) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Class IA. | Class IB. | | | | Class Ic (5). | Class Ic (1-4). | CLASS I. | Class II. | Class III. |
| Monthly Average— | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 347 | 4.0 | 143 | 1.7 | {(f) (f)} | {(f) (f)} | 3,269 | 38.0 | 3,759 | 43.7 | 621 | 7.2 | 415 | 4.8 | 31 | 0.4 |
| 1937-38 .. | 472 | 4.4 | 155 | 1.5 | | | 4,094 | 38.6 | 4,721 | 44.5 | 784 | 7.4 | 480 | 4.5 | 36 | 0.3 |
| 1938-39 .. | 385 | 4.1 | 171 | 1.8 | | | 3,448 | 36.5 | 4,004 | 42.4 | 736 | 7.8 | 476 | 5.1 | 88 | 0.9 |
| 1951-52 .. | 4,898 | 5.6 | 518 | 0.6 | {(f) (f)} | {(f) (f)} | 32,889 | 37.6 | 38,305 | 43.8 | 5,902 | 6.8 | 5,458 | 6.2 | 1,132 | 1.3 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,482 | 3.5 | 368 | 0.9 | | | 14,228 | 33.4 | 16,078 | 37.8 | 5,313 | 12.5 | 1,951 | 4.6 | 755 | 1.8 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,946 | 3.4 | 441 | 0.8 | | | 19,548 | 34.6 | 21,935 | 38.8 | 5,633 | 10.0 | 1,995 | 3.5 | 351 | 0.6 |
| 1954-55 .. | 3,044 | 4.3 | 517 | 0.7 | | | 25,691 | 36.7 | 29,252 | 41.7 | 4,790 | 6.9 | 2,503 | 3.6 | 728 | 0.9 |
| 1955-56 .. | 2,567 | 3.8 | 550 | 0.8 | 5,672 | 8.3 | 25,665 | 37.7 | 34,454 | 50.6 | 3,889 | 5.7 | 2,357 | 3.4 | 1,071 | 1.6 |
| 1956-57 .. | 2,062 | 3.5 | 562 | 0.9 | 4,300 | 7.2 | 24,723 | 41.4 | 31,647 | 53.0 | 2,343 | 3.9 | 2,191 | 3.7 | 745 | 1.2 |
| 1957-58 p— | 1,928 | 2.9 | 738 | 1.1 | 4,751 | 7.2 | 27,149 | 41.3 | 34,566 | 52.5 | 2,026 | 3.1 | 2,223 | 3.4 | 676 | 1.0 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 2,440 | 3.9 | 432 | 0.7 | 3,022 | 4.8 | 27,719 | 44.2 | 33,613 | 53.6 | 2,274 | 3.6 | 1,935 | 3.1 | 918 | 1.5 |
| February.. | 1,407 | 2.8 | 406 | 0.8 | 3,067 | 6.0 | 22,742 | 44.6 | 27,622 | 54.2 | 2,017 | 4.0 | 1,996 | 4.0 | 739 | 1.5 |
| March .. | 1,818 | 3.1 | 611 | 1.0 | 3,853 | 6.6 | 23,920 | 40.8 | 30,202 | 51.5 | 1,970 | 3.4 | 2,019 | 3.4 | 682 | 1.2 |
| April .. | 1,999 | 3.3 | 570 | 0.9 | 3,947 | 6.5 | 25,282 | 41.5 | 31,798 | 52.2 | 2,525 | 4.1 | 2,576 | 4.2 | 431 | 0.7 |
| May .. | 1,770 | 2.6 | 652 | 0.9 | 4,891 | 7.1 | 31,399 | 45.4 | 38,712 | 56.0 | 2,468 | 3.6 | 2,513 | 3.6 | 805 | 1.2 |
| June .. | 1,799 | 3.2 | 538 | 1.0 | 4,377 | 7.8 | 24,815 | 44.4 | 31,529 | 56.4 | 1,783 | 3.2 | 1,430 | 2.6 | 481 | 0.9 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,135 | 3.0 | 690 | 1.0 | 4,687 | 6.7 | 30,324 | 42.9 | 37,836 | 53.6 | 2,371 | 3.4 | 2,793 | 4.0 | 718 | 1.0 |
| August .. | 1,846 | 2.7 | 728 | 1.1 | 4,801 | 7.1 | 28,144 | 41.5 | 35,519 | 52.4 | 2,471 | 3.6 | 2,185 | 3.2 | 742 | 1.2 |
| September | 1,151 | 2.0 | 516 | 0.9 | 3,655 | 6.4 | 23,872 | 42.0 | 29,194 | 51.3 | 1,324 | 2.3 | 2,077 | 3.7 | 588 | 1.1 |
| October .. | 2,077 | 2.9 | 529 | 0.7 | 5,130 | 7.1 | 30,297 | 42.2 | 38,033 | 52.9 | 2,423 | 3.4 | 3,265 | 4.5 | 725 | 1.2 |
| November | 2,086 | 3.2 | 463 | 0.7 | 5,900 | 9.2 | 25,325 | 39.4 | 33,774 | 52.5 | 2,152 | 3.4 | 2,176 | 3.4 | 625 | 1.0 |
| December | 1,642 | 2.6 | 535 | 0.9 | 4,294 | 7.0 | 24,412 | 39.5 | 30,883 | 50.0 | 1,642 | 2.7 | 1,912 | 3.1 | 675 | 1.1 |
| January .. | 2,298 | 3.0 | 661 | 0.9 | 5,702 | 7.4 | 32,464 | 42.0 | 41,125 | 53.3 | 2,205 | 2.9 | 2,472 | 3.2 | 258 | 0.3 |
| February.. | 2,116 | 3.4 | 981 | 1.5 | 4,944 | 7.9 | 25,469 | 40.8 | 33,510 | 53.6 | 2,251 | 3.6 | 1,879 | 3.0 | 429 | 0.7 |
| March .. | 2,043 | 3.4 | 909 | 1.5 | 3,111 | 5.2 | 24,167 | 40.7 | 30,230 | 50.8 | 1,598 | 2.7 | 1,792 | 3.0 | 672 | 1.1 |
| April .. | 1,829 | 2.7 | 1,340 | 2.0 | 3,546 | 5.3 | 29,787 | 44.3 | 36,502 | 54.3 | 1,258 | 1.9 | 2,477 | 3.7 | 828 | 1.2 |
| May .. | 1,874 | 2.8 | 851 | 1.3 | 5,943 | 8.9 | 25,310 | 38.0 | 33,978 | 51.0 | 2,805 | 4.2 | 1,918 | 2.9 | 645 | 1.0 |
| June .. | 2,036 | 3.2 | 656 | 1.0 | 5,296 | 8.4 | 26,220 | 41.5 | 34,208 | 54.1 | 1,812 | 2.9 | 1,732 | 2.7 | 1,210 | 2.0 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 2,075 | 3.2 | 823 | 1.3 | 4,642 | 7.3 | 26,596 | 41.7 | 34,136 | 53.5 | 1,556 | 2.4 | 1,772 | 2.8 | 867 | 1.3 |
| August .. | 1,722 | 2.4 | 599 | 0.8 | 7,156 | 9.8 | 28,715 | 39.4 | 38,192 | 52.4 | 1,926 | 2.6 | 2,230 | 3.1 | r836 | r1.1 |
| September | 2,281 | 3.5 | 519 | 0.8 | 4,816 | 7.3 | 26,334 | 40.1 | 33,950 | 51.7 | 2,358 | 3.6 | 1,820 | 2.8 | r898 | r1.4 |
| October .. | 1,676 | 2.5 | 822 | r1.3 | 5,159 | r7.8 | r25,655 | r38.8 | r33,312 | r50.4 | r2,820 | r4.3 | 2,626 | r4.0 | 1,059 | 1.6 |
| November | 1,763 | r2.6 | 729 | 1.1 | 5,820 | r8.7 | r27,836 | r41.3 | r36,148 | r53.7 | r2,400 | 3.6 | 2,897 | r4.3 | r579 | r0.9 |
| December | 2,277 | r3.7 | 620 | 1.0 | 4,616 | r7.5 | r26,262 | r42.4 | r33,775 | r54.6 | r1,814 | 2.9 | 2,691 | r4.3 | r467 | r0.8 |
| January .. | 2,108 | 2.8 | 519 | 0.7 | 4,924 | 6.6 | 33,314 | 44.8 | 40,865 | 54.9 | 2,873 | 3.9 | 2,612 | 3.5 | 499 | 0.6 |

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class IC. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955; excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class IC. (5).

For meaning of symbols p, r, — see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Capital Equipment. | | | | | | Finished Consumer Goods. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | Producers' Equipment. | | Transport Equipment. | | | | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. | | Clothing and Accessories. | | All Other. | | Total. | |
| | | | Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis. | | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Class IV. | | Class V. B. | | Class V. A, C, D. | | Class VI. A, B, C. | | Class VI. D. | | Class VI. E-J. | | Class VI. | |
| Monthly Average— | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % |
| 1936-37 .. | 884 | 10.3 | 872 | 10.1 | 146 | 1.7 | 516 | 6.0 | 46 | 0.5 | 1,316 | 15.3 | 1,878 | 21.8 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,149 | 10.8 | 1,161 | 11.0 | 205 | 1.9 | 531 | 5.0 | 68 | 0.6 | 1,480 | 14.0 | 2,079 | 19.6 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,104 | 11.7 | 899 | 9.5 | 119 | 1.3 | 564 | 6.0 | 84 | 0.9 | 1,361 | 14.4 | 2,009 | 21.3 |
| 1951-52 .. | 9,960 | 11.4 | 10,942 | 12.5 | 1,661 | 1.9 | 3,074 | 3.5 | 1,149 | 1.3 | 9,896 | 11.3 | 14,119 | 16.1 |
| 1952-53 .. | 8,409 | 19.8 | 3,569 | 8.3 | 1,703 | 4.0 | 1,917 | 4.5 | 130 | 0.3 | 2,704 | 6.4 | 4,751 | 11.2 |
| 1953-54 .. | 9,474 | 16.8 | 5,769 | 10.2 | 1,552 | 2.7 | 2,658 | 4.7 | 446 | 0.8 | 6,736 | 11.9 | 9,840 | 17.4 |
| 1954-55 .. | 10,289 | 14.8 | 7,377 | 10.5 | 1,824 | 2.6 | 3,236 | 4.6 | 614 | 0.9 | 9,468 | 13.5 | 13,318 | 19.0 |
| 1955-56 .. | 11,174 | 16.4 | (b) 1,784 | 2.6 | 1,841 | 2.7 | 2,276 | 3.3 | 491 | 0.7 | 8,854 | 13.0 | 11,621 | 17.0 |
| 1956-57 .. | 10,132 | 16.9 | 958 | 1.6 | 1,616 | 2.8 | 2,388 | 4.0 | 281 | 0.5 | 7,422 | 12.4 | 10,091 | 16.9 |
| 1957-58 p— | 12,040 | 18.3 | 1,047 | 1.6 | 1,353 | 2.1 | 2,523 | 3.8 | 429 | 0.6 | 8,917 | 13.6 | 11,869 | 18.0 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 10,290 | 16.4 | 823 | 1.3 | 1,297 | 2.1 | 3,468 | 5.5 | 302 | 0.5 | 7,675 | 12.4 | 11,445 | 18.4 |
| February .. | 8,762 | 17.2 | 862 | 1.7 | 982 | 1.9 | 2,313 | 4.5 | 241 | 0.5 | 5,531 | 10.5 | 8,085 | 15.5 |
| March .. | 10,952 | 18.7 | 793 | 1.3 | 1,793 | 3.1 | 2,876 | 4.9 | 306 | 0.5 | 7,021 | 12.0 | 10,203 | 17.4 |
| April .. | 10,678 | 17.6 | 736 | 1.2 | 1,739 | 2.9 | 2,813 | 4.6 | 297 | 0.5 | 7,217 | 12.0 | 10,327 | 17.1 |
| May .. | 12,363 | 17.9 | 1,054 | 1.5 | 1,078 | 1.5 | 1,944 | 2.8 | 252 | 0.4 | 7,933 | 11.5 | 10,129 | 14.7 |
| June .. | 9,573 | 17.1 | 826 | 1.5 | 1,306 | 2.3 | 1,870 | 3.3 | 168 | 0.3 | 6,910 | 12.4 | 8,948 | 16.0 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 12,911 | 18.2 | 1,377 | 2.0 | 1,456 | 2.0 | 1,887 | 2.7 | 332 | 0.5 | 8,916 | 12.6 | 11,135 | 15.8 |
| August .. | 12,478 | 18.4 | 1,241 | 1.8 | 1,886 | 2.7 | 1,921 | 2.8 | 320 | 0.5 | 9,146 | 13.4 | 11,387 | 16.7 |
| September .. | 10,832 | 19.0 | 1,031 | 1.8 | 903 | 1.6 | 1,919 | 3.4 | 440 | 0.8 | 8,605 | 15.0 | 10,964 | 19.2 |
| October .. | 11,482 | 16.0 | 1,045 | 1.5 | 1,575 | 2.0 | 3,397 | 4.7 | 366 | 0.5 | 9,570 | 13.3 | 13,333 | 18.5 |
| November .. | 11,459 | 17.8 | 987 | 1.5 | 1,301 | 2.0 | 2,858 | 4.4 | 326 | 0.5 | 8,650 | 13.5 | 11,834 | 18.4 |
| December .. | 12,302 | 19.9 | 884 | 1.4 | 2,223 | 3.6 | 2,589 | 4.2 | 412 | 0.7 | 8,237 | 13.3 | 11,238 | 18.2 |
| January .. | 14,701 | 19.0 | 1,097 | 1.4 | 2,053 | 2.7 | 2,773 | 3.6 | 646 | 0.8 | 9,865 | 12.8 | 13,284 | 17.2 |
| February .. | 11,226 | 18.0 | 973 | 1.6 | 767 | 1.1 | 2,892 | 4.6 | 545 | 0.9 | 8,025 | 12.9 | 11,462 | 18.4 |
| March .. | 12,307 | 20.7 | 998 | 1.7 | 810 | 1.4 | 2,170 | 3.6 | 601 | 1.0 | 8,297 | 14.0 | 11,068 | 18.6 |
| April .. | 11,785 | 17.5 | 1,002 | 1.5 | 965 | 1.4 | 2,928 | 4.4 | 511 | 0.8 | 8,976 | 13.3 | 12,415 | 18.5 |
| May .. | 12,167 | 18.2 | 1,076 | 1.6 | 1,281 | 1.9 | 3,048 | 4.6 | 352 | 0.5 | 9,388 | 14.1 | 12,788 | 19.2 |
| June .. | 10,822 | 17.1 | 858 | 1.3 | 1,014 | 1.6 | 1,888 | 3.0 | 301 | 0.5 | 9,398 | 14.8 | 11,587 | 18.3 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 10,141 | 15.9 | 750 | 1.2 | 3,471 | 5.4 | 2,814 | 4.4 | 403 | 0.7 | 7,934 | 12.4 | 11,151 | 17.5 |
| August .. | 13,657 | 18.7 | 1,030 | 1.4 | r514 | r0.7 | 3,414 | 4.7 | 538 | 0.7 | 10,610 | 14.6 | 14,562 | 20.0 |
| September .. | 11,821 | 18.0 | 991 | 1.5 | r920 | r1.3 | 2,931 | 4.5 | 399 | 0.6 | 9,623 | 14.6 | 12,953 | 19.7 |
| October .. | 11,083 | r16.7 | 1,156 | 1.7 | 1,624 | r2.5 | 2,635 | r4.0 | 312 | 0.5 | 9,490 | r14.3 | 12,437 | r18.8 |
| November .. | 12,004 | r17.8 | 870 | 1.3 | r624 | r0.9 | 2,626 | r3.9 | 301 | 0.4 | 8,887 | r13.2 | 11,814 | r17.5 |
| December .. | 10,879 | r17.6 | 966 | 1.6 | r832 | r1.3 | 2,291 | r3.7 | 361 | 0.6 | 7,818 | r12.6 | 10,470 | r16.9 |
| January .. | 12,507 | 16.8 | 1,087 | 1.5 | 1,220 | 1.6 | 2,916 | r3.9 | 510 | 0.7 | 9,354 | 12.6 | 12,780 | 17.2 |

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class 1c.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a) | | | Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b) | | | Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.) | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude. | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 1,024 | 373 | 2,362 | 45 | 303 | 1,530 | 1,069 | 1,505 | 6,032 | 8,606 |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,241 | 449 | 3,031 | 48 | 300 | 1,731 | 1,289 | 1,796 | 7,530 | 10,615 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,100 | 351 | 2,553 | 55 | 309 | 1,645 | 1,155 | 1,627 | 6,653 | 9,435 |
| 1951-52 .. | 7,788 | 4,788 | 25,729 | 359 | 1,446 | 12,314 | 8,147 | 13,933 | 65,399 | 87,479 |
| 1952-53 .. | 4,712 | 2,195 | 9,171 | 251 | 1,182 | 3,318 | 4,963 | 9,443 | 28,123 | 42,529 |
| 1953-54 .. | 6,260 | 3,189 | 12,486 | 385 | 1,471 | 7,984 | 6,645 | 11,384 | 38,520 | 56,549 |
| 1954-55 .. | 8,818 | 4,986 | 15,448 | 428 | 2,082 | 10,808 | 9,246 | 13,167 | 47,668 | 70,081 |
| 1955-56 .. | 10,095 | 4,557 | c 19,802 | 423 | 1,191 | 10,007 | 10,518 | 10,913 | 46,760 | 68,191 |
| 1956-57 .. | 10,650 | 4,741 | 16,256 | 497 | 1,450 | 8,144 | 11,147 | 9,623 | 38,953 | 59,723 |
| 1957-58 .. | 11,597 | 5,501 | 17,468 | 600 | 1,359 | 9,910 | 12,197 | 10,089 | 43,514 | 65,800 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 12,274 | 5,120 | 16,219 | 572 | 2,314 | 8,559 | 12,846 | 10,798 | 38,951 | 62,595 |
| February .. | 10,511 | 4,162 | 12,949 | 405 | 1,544 | 6,136 | 10,916 | 8,599 | 31,550 | 51,065 |
| March .. | 10,671 | 4,467 | 15,064 | 687 | 1,755 | 7,761 | 11,358 | 9,233 | 38,023 | 58,614 |
| April .. | 10,220 | 5,443 | 16,135 | 572 | 1,760 | 7,995 | 10,792 | 10,835 | 39,183 | 60,810 |
| May .. | 13,494 | 6,022 | 19,196 | 538 | 1,102 | 8,489 | 14,032 | 10,846 | 44,244 | 69,122 |
| June .. | 10,016 | 4,826 | 16,687 | 465 | 965 | 7,518 | 10,481 | 8,618 | 36,777 | 55,876 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 12,156 | 6,433 | 19,284 | 464 | 1,021 | 9,650 | 12,620 | 11,120 | 46,894 | 70,634 |
| August .. | 10,152 | 6,107 | 19,248 | 473 | 1,023 | 9,891 | 10,625 | 10,861 | 46,411 | 67,897 |
| September .. | 8,775 | 5,151 | 15,249 | 440 | 1,229 | 9,295 | 9,215 | 8,759 | 38,920 | 56,894 |
| October .. | 12,669 | 6,351 | 18,952 | 796 | 1,923 | 10,614 | 13,465 | 12,009 | 46,346 | 71,820 |
| November .. | 10,565 | 5,209 | 17,882 | 741 | 1,598 | 9,495 | 11,306 | 10,215 | 42,669 | 64,190 |
| December .. | 10,981 | 4,187 | 15,982 | 437 | 1,478 | 9,323 | 11,418 | 8,417 | 42,191 | 62,026 |
| January .. | 14,358 | 5,922 | 20,688 | 818 | 1,153 | 11,313 | 15,176 | 10,698 | 51,164 | 77,038 |
| February .. | 12,281 | 5,013 | 16,107 | 567 | 1,824 | 9,071 | 12,848 | 10,264 | 39,276 | 62,388 |
| March .. | 10,312 | 5,433 | 14,436 | 675 | 875 | 9,518 | 10,987 | 8,947 | 39,492 | 59,426 |
| April .. | 14,729 | 5,749 | 15,930 | 686 | 1,488 | 10,241 | 15,415 | 9,630 | 42,093 | 67,138 |
| May .. | 10,819 | 5,135 | 17,943 | 673 | 1,698 | 10,417 | 11,492 | 10,869 | 44,216 | 66,577 |
| June .. | 10,957 | 5,326 | 17,915 | 425 | 998 | 10,164 | 11,382 | 9,281 | 42,570 | 63,233 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 13,226 | 4,844 | 16,066 | 517 | 1,742 | 8,892 | 13,743 | 9,224 | 40,877 | 63,844 |
| August .. | 9,869 | 6,143 | 22,180 | 544 | 2,266 | 11,752 | 10,413 | 11,762 | 50,772 | 72,947 |
| September .. | 11,171 | 4,947 | 17,832 | 534 | 1,922 | 10,497 | 11,705 | 10,499 | 43,507 | 65,711 |
| October .. | r 10,253 | 5,405 | 17,654 | 622 | 1,290 | 10,525 | r 11,875 | r 10,702 | 44,540 | r 66,117 |
| November .. | r 12,642 | 4,585 | 18,921 | 537 | 1,517 | 9,760 | r 13,179 | r 9,776 | 44,381 | r 67,336 |
| December .. | r 12,808 | r 4,498 | 16,469 | 499 | 1,151 | 8,820 | r 13,307 | r 8,641 | 39,946 | r 61,894 |
| January .. | 15,987 | 5,495 | 19,383 | 581 | 1,623 | 10,576 | 16,568 | 11,299 | 46,576 | 74,443 |

(a) See note (c) page 17.

(b) See note (a) page 18.

(c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed."

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

| Period. | Meats. | Butter. | Wheat and Flour. | Fresh Fruits. | Dried Fruits. | Sugar and Sugar Syrups. | Hides and Skins. | Wool. | Lead. | Total Exports of Merchan- dise. |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------|------------------------------------------|
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. .. | (a)861 | 734 | 2,029 | 165 | 172 | 309 | 609 | 5,209 | 402 | 12,316 |
| 1937-38.. .. | (a)1,021 | 898 | 2,245 | 171 | 224 | 336 | 516 | 3,915 | 409 | 11,719 |
| 1938-39.. .. | (a)982 | 1,074 | 1,106 | 169 | 239 | 348 | 342 | 3,561 | 356 | 10,128 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 2,957 | 383 | 7,359 | 572 | 472 | 586 | 1,428 | 26,953 | 2,156 | 55,437 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 5,481 | 1,675 | 7,449 | 791 | 669 | 1,805 | 1,677 | 33,576 | 2,116 | 70,708 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 4,816 | 1,338 | 5,053 | 774 | 617 | 2,639 | 1,620 | 34,202 | 2,004 | 67,655 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 5,290 | 2,049 | 5,461 | 731 | 703 | 2,604 | 1,642 | 29,426 | 2,070 | 63,170 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 5,039 | 2,414 | 5,513 | 761 | 650 | 2,070 | 1,747 | 28,127 | 2,162 | 64,236 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 4,250 | 2,152 | 6,811 | 715 | 549 | 2,407 | 2,022 | 40,311 | 2,688 | 81,116 |
| 1957-58 — .. | 4,600 | 1,304 | 3,550 | 1,100 | 765 | 3,031 | 2,119 | 31,155 | 1,766 | 67,766 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 4,264 | 2,201 | 5,407 | 138 | 44 | 3,817 | 2,073 | 48,107 | 3,576 | 89,320 |
| March .. | 3,565 | 1,116 | 7,647 | 727 | 17 | 1,719 | 1,824 | 58,491 | 2,041 | 97,389 |
| April .. | 2,870 | 765 | 4,840 | 2,402 | 506 | 1,891 | 2,350 | 50,183 | 2,018 | 87,227 |
| May .. | 4,944 | 1,306 | 4,109 | 3,380 | 2,329 | 826 | 2,266 | 43,588 | 3,788 | 90,676 |
| June .. | 6,107 | 451 | 4,729 | 703 | 1,348 | 1,344 | 2,551 | 40,068 | 1,768 | 78,103 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 6,162 | 412 | 3,372 | 381 | 1,191 | 1,888 | 2,113 | 32,696 | 1,430 | 70,619 |
| August .. | 4,760 | 795 | 4,971 | 197 | 1,159 | 5,108 | 2,824 | 17,550 | 2,360 | 58,071 |
| September .. | 5,614 | 1,344 | 4,769 | 40 | 1,112 | 6,577 | 2,384 | 30,499 | 2,226 | 75,703 |
| October .. | 5,118 | 2,609 | 5,727 | 192 | 449 | 5,533 | 2,745 | 49,251 | 2,051 | 94,177 |
| November .. | 5,241 | 2,766 | 5,546 | 144 | 230 | 4,013 | 2,649 | 40,723 | 1,999 | 83,018 |
| December .. | 4,599 | 1,877 | 2,900 | 77 | 67 | 4,294 | 2,227 | 37,994 | 1,062 | 70,234 |
| January .. | 3,749 | 1,822 | 3,727 | 29 | 156 | 3,121 | 2,172 | 31,965 | 2,577 | 66,571 |
| February .. | 3,701 | 1,136 | 2,173 | 343 | 39 | 450 | 2,152 | 32,555 | 1,899 | 60,109 |
| March .. | 3,315 | 951 | 2,202 | 1,488 | 484 | 1,734 | 1,885 | 32,012 | 1,625 | 60,937 |
| April .. | 3,447 | 424 | 2,220 | 3,183 | 1,000 | 1,272 | 1,417 | 22,495 | 1,869 | 52,861 |
| May .. | 4,346 | 570 | 2,661 | 4,525 | 2,062 | 760 | 1,491 | 25,174 | 995 | 64,338 |
| June .. | 5,181 | 933 | 2,574 | 2,463 | 1,194 | 280 | 1,334 | 20,484 | 1,859 | 54,870 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | r7,413 | 885 | 3,887 | 335 | 1,973 | 2,345 | 1,672 | 22,321 | 1,731 | r61,206 |
| August .. | r6,697 | 645 | 3,509 | 209 | 2,054 | 3,248 | r1,763 | r10,615 | r1,122 | r47,399 |
| September .. | 6,154 | 1,058 | 3,860 | 91 | 1,589 | 4,960 | 2,032 | 17,448 | 1,480 | r55,123 |
| October .. | r9,004 | 1,918 | r4,352 | 163 | r914 | r5,054 | r1,840 | r29,210 | r1,877 | r73,039 |
| November .. | r8,943 | r1,465 | r2,259 | 140 | r309 | 2,124 | r1,785 | r26,632 | 1,998 | r65,255 |
| December .. | 9,455 | 2,435 | 4,288 | 19 | 184 | 3,254 | 1,916 | 33,302 | 1,501 | r74,610 |
| January .. | 9,312 | 2,039 | 4,508 | 14 | 37 | 1,728 | 1,748 | 25,224 | 1,753 | 65,373 |
| February .. | 8,623 | 2,253 | 6,538 | 153 | 23 | 2,298 | 1,906 | 27,167 | 2,080 | 72,398 |

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a) | | | | | | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 4 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 4 Insurance Companies. | 75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous). | 34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c) | 7 Industrials. | 11 Financial and Trading. | 18 Shares (total of foregoing). |
| 1936-37 | 989 | 1 059 | 1,106 | 1,052 | 1,022 | 1,026 | 1,006 | 1,000 | 1,003 |
| 1937-38 | 1,012 | 1,008 | 1,053 | 983 | 1,009 | 1,011 | 1,014 | 1,011 | 1,013 |
| 1938-39 | 999 | 933 | 841 | 965 | 969 | 963 | 980 | 989 | 984 |
| 1953-54 | 1,784 | 1,534 | 1,385 | 2,217 | 1,475 | 1,443 | 1,658 | 1,302 | 1,495 |
| 1954-55 | 1,943 | 1,885 | 1,555 | 2,184 | 1,626 | 1,598 | 1,695 | 1,434 | 1,575 |
| 1955-56 | 2,038 | 2,178 | 1,751 | 2,142 | 1,726 | 1,649 | 1,726 | 1,475 | 1,612 |
| 1956-57 | 2,031 | 1,960 | 1,807 | 2,489 | 1,707 | 1,653 | 1,714 | 1,467 | 1,600 |
| 1957-58 | 2,188 | 1,972 | 1,886 | 2,827 | 1,836 | 1,803 | 1,846 | 1,500 | 1,687 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 2,078 | 1,974 | 1,850 | 2,625 | 1,743 | 1,693 | 1,725 | 1,473 | 1,609 |
| March | 2,084 | 1,931 | 1,825 | 2,571 | 1,735 | 1,671 | 1,745 | 1,481 | 1,624 |
| April | 2,088 | 1,937 | 1,922 | 2,567 | 1,746 | 1,696 | 1,748 | 1,487 | 1,628 |
| May | 2,080 | 1,926 | 1,917 | 2,564 | 1,752 | 1,697 | 1,761 | 1,503 | 1,642 |
| June | 2,080 | 1,924 | 1,914 | 2,627 | 1,763 | 1,701 | 1,747 | 1,493 | 1,630 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,151 | 1,922 | 1,995 | 2,747 | 1,815 | 1,757 | 1,755 | 1,509 | 1,642 |
| August | 2,192 | 1,965 | 2,100 | 2,870 | 1,869 | 1,811 | 1,832 | 1,530 | 1,693 |
| September | 2,219 | 1,979 | 2,013 | 2,864 | 1,883 | 1,824 | 1,863 | 1,532 | 1,711 |
| October | 2,132 | 1,935 | 1,897 | 2,774 | 1,810 | 1,750 | 1,826 | 1,534 | 1,692 |
| November | 2,146 | 1,956 | 1,922 | 2,747 | 1,808 | 1,780 | 1,838 | 1,568 | 1,714 |
| December | 2,161 | 1,965 | 1,844 | 2,766 | 1,798 | 1,777 | 1,823 | 1,559 | 1,701 |
| January | 2,179 | 1,985 | 1,833 | 2,782 | 1,821 | 1,808 | 1,818 | 1,469 | 1,658 |
| February | 2,225 | 2,005 | 1,894 | 2,838 | 1,862 | 1,846 | 1,854 | 1,476 | 1,680 |
| March | 2,247 | 2,042 | 1,852 | 2,858 | 1,867 | 1,851 | 1,899 | 1,467 | 1,700 |
| April | 2,237 | 2,041 | 1,826 | 2,841 | 1,852 | 1,838 | 1,896 | 1,455 | 1,694 |
| May | 2,163 | 1,944 | 1,723 | 2,910 | 1,812 | 1,776 | 1,858 | 1,446 | 1,669 |
| June | 2,200 | 1,926 | 1,738 | 2,924 | 1,838 | 1,816 | 1,886 | 1,450 | 1,686 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,260 | 1,931 | 1,677 | 2,965 | 1,861 | 1,842 | 1,962 | 1,452 | 1,728 |
| August | 2,317 | 1,978 | 1,631 | 2,959 | 1,900 | 1,881 | 1,959 | 1,439 | 1,720 |
| September | 2,331 | 1,989 | 1,655 | 2,923 | 1,914 | 1,892 | 1,949 | 1,434 | 1,713 |
| October | 2,297 | 1,931 | 1,564 | 2,878 | 1,868 | 1,865 | 1,901 | 1,440 | 1,690 |
| November | 2,318 | 1,934 | 1,554 | 2,927 | 1,883 | 1,902 | 1,907 | 1,437 | 1,691 |
| December | 2,378 | 1,939 | 1,536 | 2,995 | 1,914 | 1,932 | 1,901 | 1,450 | 1,694 |
| January | 2,429 | 2,036 | 1,522 | 3,093 | 1,967 | 1,982 | 1,934 | 1,471 | 1,721 |
| February | 2,457 | 2,083 | 1,564 | 3,155 | 1,998 | 2,026 | 1,959 | 1,494 | 1,745 |

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | | Wool. | Wheat. | Butter. | Metals. (a) | Meats. (b) | Sugar. | Dried Fruits. (c) | Tallow. | Hides. (d) | Gold. | All Groups. | |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Excl. Gold. | Incl. Gold. |
| Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate. } (e) (f) | | 45.63 49.05 | 17.06 18.34 | 11.36 12.21 | 6.83 7.34 | 6.63 7.13 | 2.40 2.58 | 1.81 1.94 | 0.64 0.69 | 0.66 0.72 | 6.98 .. | .. 100.00 | 100.00 .. |
| 1936-37 | .. | 122 | 123 | 92 | 120 | 98 | 104 | 103 | 122 | 113 | 99 | 116 | 115 |
| 1937-38 | .. | 99 | 111 | 107 | 96 | 106 | 92 | 103 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 102 | 102 |
| 1938-39 | .. | 79 | 66 | 101 | 84 | 96 | 104 | 94 | 78 | 87 | 103 | 82 | 83 |
| 1950-51 | .. | 999 | 432 | 271 | 689 | 209 | 410 | 226 | 356 | 752 | 176 | 690 | 654 |
| 1951-52 | .. | 564 | 436 | 291 | 811 | 263 | 464 | 302 | 451 | 486 | 184 | 495 | 473 |
| 1952-53 | .. | 616 | 445 | 313 | 504 | 314 | 501 | 297 | 358 | 369 | 186 | 505 | 483 |
| 1953-54 | .. | 615 | 411 | 325 | 450 | 338 | 479 | 287 | 321 | 336 | 179 | 496 | 474 |
| 1954-55 | .. | 538 | 357 | 313 | 511 | 344 | 445 | 267 | 349 | 218 | 178 | 450 | 431 |
| 1955-56 | .. | 464 | 324 | 320 | 562 | 355 | 450 | 286 | 353 | 238 | 178 | 414 | 397 |
| 1956-57 | .. | 578 | 327 | 250 | 545 | 368 | 501 | 319 | 357 | 240 | 178 | 464 | 444 |
| 1957-58 | .. | 471 | 357 | 218 | 398 | 333 | 518 | r341 | 368 | 240 | 178 | 400 | 385 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | .. | 611 | 335 | 222 | 557 | 388 | 473 | (g)309 | 360 | 234 | 178 | 479 | 458 |
| March | .. | 596 | 327 | 218 | 555 | 372 | 568 | 309 | 359 | 248 | 178 | 471 | 451 |
| April | .. | 618 | 321 | 224 | 548 | 382 | 620 | 321 | 357 | 234 | 178 | 483 | 462 |
| May | .. | 626 | 319 | 256 | 495 | 398 | 631 | 328 | 359 | 238 | 178 | 488 | 467 |
| June | .. | 596 | 322 | 284 | 451 | 373 | 642 | 331 | 362 | 239 | 178 | 473 | 452 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (g)596 | 331 | 278 | 445 | 351 | 577 | 328 | 347 | 240 | 178 | 470 | 450 |
| August | .. | 551 | 342 | 274 | 448 | 345 | 622 | 328 | 357 | 239 | 178 | 450 | 431 |
| September | .. | 543 | 344 | 274 | 441 | 333 | 571 | 333 | 364 | 242 | 178 | 445 | 426 |
| October | .. | 498 | 350 | 257 | 423 | 337 | 541 | 337 | 362 | 236 | 178 | 420 | 403 |
| November | .. | 483 | 352 | 232 | 409 | 337 | 488 | 344 | 364 | 244 | 178 | 407 | 391 |
| December | .. | 445 | 359 | 225 | 372 | 290 | 481 | 346 | 365 | 243 | 178 | 383 | 369 |
| January | .. | 453 | 363 | 207 | 369 | 315 | 504 | 345 | 376 | 237 | 178 | 387 | 373 |
| February | .. | 468 | 368 | 194 | 375 | 294 | 496 | 349 | 379 | 239 | 178 | 393 | 378 |
| March | .. | 422 | 371 | 188 | 375 | 308 | 496 | 346 | 380 | 239 | 178 | 372 | 358 |
| April | .. | 400 | 365 | 163 | 370 | 353 | 479 | 346 | 368 | 235 | 178 | 358 | 346 |
| May | .. | 392 | 367 | 162 | 369 | 364 | 485 | r339 | 373 | 241 | 178 | 356 | r344 |
| June | .. | 400 | 369 | 166 | 377 | 368 | 477 | r347 | 375 | 239 | 178 | 361 | 348 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | (g)400 | 366 | 178 | 371 | 351 | 481 | r351 | 384 | 228 | 178 | r361 | 348 |
| August | .. | 354 | 369 | 190 | 369 | 370 | 477 | r363 | 375 | 234 | 178 | 342 | 330 |
| September | .. | 354 | 363 | 190 | 372 | 393 | 476 | r370 | 383 | 250 | 178 | 343 | r332 |
| October | .. | 336 | 363 | 195 | 391 | 389 | 473 | r385 | 382 | 270 | 178 | 336 | 325 |
| November | .. | 339 | 355 | 222 | 404 | 373 | 477 | r390 | 378 | 273 | 178 | 339 | 328 |
| December | .. | 328 | p353 | 242 | 389 | (h) | 470 | r391 | 375 | 285 | 178 | p334 | p323 |
| January | .. | p321 | p347 | 250 | 390 | (h) | 490 | r(g)391 | 372 | 287 | 178 | p331 | p321 |
| February | .. | p339 | p336 | 250 | 384 | (h) | p474 | (g)391 | 360 | 341 | 178 | p336 | p325 |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
(c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
(f) For "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional prices included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Year. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
|---------------|-------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------|---------------|-------------|
| 1946-47 | 173 | 228 | 203 | 1952-53.. .. | 616 | 371 | 483 |
| 1947-48 | 287 | 280 | 283 | 1953-54.. .. | 615 | 356 | 474 |
| 1948-49 | 365 | 305 | 332 | 1954-55.. .. | 538 | 342 | 431 |
| 1949-50 | 473 | 308 | 383 | 1955-56.. .. | 464 | 342 | 397 |
| 1950-51 | 999 | 365 | 654 | 1956-57.. .. | 578 | 331 | 444 |
| 1951-52 | 564 | 397 | 473 | 1957-58.. .. | 471 | 313 | 385 |

| Month. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| | 1953-54. | | | 1954-55. | | | 1955-56. | | |
| July | (a)641 | 369 | 493 | (a)622 | 338 | 468 | (a)505 | 347 | 419 |
| August | (a)634 | 367 | 488 | 566 | 338 | 442 | 453 | 347 | 395 |
| September | 626 | 365 | 484 | 566 | 339 | 442 | 437 | 347 | 388 |
| October | 634 | 363 | 486 | 536 | 344 | 431 | 437 | 351 | 390 |
| November.. .. | 634 | 360 | 485 | 513 | 343 | 421 | 437 | 352 | 391 |
| December | 611 | 358 | 473 | 532 | 348 | 432 | 453 | 352 | 398 |
| January | 603 | 354 | 468 | 520 | 345 | 425 | 460 | 349 | 400 |
| February | 581 | 350 | 455 | 528 | 342 | 427 | 460 | 340 | 395 |
| March | 581 | 351 | 456 | 528 | 341 | 426 | 453 | 335 | 388 |
| April | (a)596 | 348 | 461 | 520 | 340 | 422 | 468 | 325 | 390 |
| May | 618 | 346 | 470 | 520 | 340 | 422 | 498 | 323 | 403 |
| June | 622 | 346 | 472 | 505 | 343 | 417 | (a)505 | 331 | 411 |
| | 1956-57. | | | 1957-58. | | | 1958-59. | | |
| July | 490 | 330 | 403 | (a)596 | 327 | 450 | (a)400 | 304 | 348 |
| August | 520 | 330 | 417 | 551 | 331 | 431 | 354 | 310 | 330 |
| September | 566 | 336 | 441 | 543 | 328 | 426 | 354 | 312 | r332 |
| October | 551 | 332 | 432 | 498 | 323 | 403 | 336 | r316 | 325 |
| November.. .. | 581 | 331 | 445 | 483 | 315 | 391 | 339 | r319 | 328 |
| December | 588 | 329 | 447 | 445 | 305 | 369 | 328 | rp320 | p323 |
| January | 596 | 330 | 451 | 453 | 306 | 373 | p321 | p321 | p321 |
| February | 611 | 330 | 458 | 468 | 303 | 378 | p339 | p313 | p325 |
| March | 596 | 329 | 451 | 422 | 304 | 358 | | | |
| April | 618 | 331 | 462 | 400 | 301 | 346 | | | |
| May | 626 | 333 | 467 | 392 | 303 | r344 | | | |
| June | 596 | 332 | 452 | 400 | r306 | 348 | | | |

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling during a month. The changing weights index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

| All Groups. | | | Month of February. | | Eight months ended February. | |
|----------------------|----|----|--------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| | | | 1958. | 1959. | 1958. | 1959. |
| Excluding Wool | .. | .. | 100 | 107 | 100 | 101 |
| Including Wool | .. | .. | 100 | 82 | 100 | 81 |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Basic Materials. | | | | | | | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c) | Basic Materials & Foodstuffs. | | |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Metals and Coal. (a) | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. | | Goods principally Imported (b) | Goods principally Home Produced (c) | Total All Groups. (c) |
| 1936-37 .. | 96 | 99 | 118 | 99 | 111 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 99 |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 101 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 104 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 101 |
| 1938-39 .. | 103 | 100 | 82 | 101 | 92 | 97 | 99 | 101 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| 1950-51 .. | 256 | 196 | 641 | 242 | 292 | 268 | 264 | 229 | 256 | 240 | 244 |
| 1951-52 .. | 343 | 220 | 577 | 314 | 298 | 370 | 321 | 276 | 288 | 300 | 297 |
| 1952-53 .. | 392 | 234 | 607 | 350 | 224 | 404 | 350 | 293 | 292 | 331 | 319 |
| 1953-54 .. | 388 | 222 | 566 | 323 | 191 | 363 | 332 | 308 | 271 | 339 | 319 |
| 1954-55 .. | 391 | 214 | 510 | 314 | 246 | 372 | 330 | 315 | 277 | 340 | 322 |
| 1955-56 .. | 404 | 220 | 456 | 317 | 328 | 415 | 345 | 325 | 292 | 352 | 334 |
| 1956-57 .. | 409 | 241 | 520 | 344 | 302 | 463 | 367 | 324 | 311 | 357 | 344 |
| 1957-58 .. | 398 | 238 | 437 | 349 | 280 | 453 | 355 | 325 | 301 | 355 | 339 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 409 | 244 | 544 | 344 | 298 | 467 | 370 | 324 | 318 | 356 | 345 |
| March .. | 407 | 244 | 532 | 344 | 296 | 467 | 368 | 324 | 315 | 356 | 344 |
| April .. | 407 | 244 | 547 | 344 | 289 | 467 | 369 | 324 | 313 | 358 | 344 |
| May .. | 403 | 244 | 548 | 344 | 289 | 467 | 367 | 317 | 311 | 352 | 340 |
| June .. | 402 | 240 | 527 | 345 | 288 | 467 | 365 | 328 | 307 | 360 | 345 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 399 | 240 | 524 | 353 | 283 | 467 | 364 | 333 | 305 | 365 | 347 |
| August .. | 401 | 240 | 495 | 353 | 283 | 467 | 363 | 339 | 306 | 368 | 350 |
| September .. | 401 | 240 | 490 | 353 | 285 | 457 | 361 | 334 | 303 | 365 | 346 |
| October .. | 398 | 240 | 454 | 353 | 295 | 457 | 358 | 322 | 304 | 353 | 338 |
| November .. | 398 | 240 | 444 | 346 | 297 | 457 | 357 | 314 | 308 | 345 | 334 |
| December .. | 399 | 236 | 419 | 346 | 293 | 457 | 355 | 319 | 304 | 348 | 335 |
| January .. | 400 | 236 | 424 | 347 | 278 | 458 | 355 | 318 | 302 | 349 | 335 |
| February .. | 397 | 236 | 434 | 347 | 273 | 458 | 355 | 310 | 301 | 350 | 336 |
| March .. | 398 | 236 | 404 | 347 | 278 | 458 | 353 | 323 | 301 | 351 | 337 |
| April .. | 395 | 236 | 389 | 346 | 277 | 458 | 351 | 321 | 301 | 349 | 335 |
| May .. | 393 | 236 | 384 | 346 | 263 | 420 | 343 | 330 | 290 | 355 | 336 |
| June .. | 394 | 236 | 387 | 346 | 254 | 420 | 343 | 332 | 290 | 357 | 337 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 394 | 231 | 387 | 327 | 249 | 420 | 339 | 332 | 285 | 357 | 336 |
| August .. | 394 | 231 | 358 | 327 | 244 | 420 | 338 | 338 | 285 | 360 | 338 |
| September .. | 394 | 231 | 358 | 327 | 244 | 432 | 340 | 337 | 283 | 361 | 338 |
| October .. | 394 | 231 | 341 | 327 | 243 | 432 | 339 | 330 | 282 | 356 | 334 |
| November .. | 394 | 232 | 344 | 327 | 254 | 425 | 338 | 326 | 282 | 352 | 332 |
| December .. | 390 | 231 | 337 | 327 | 267 | 420 | 336 | 322 | 282 | 348 | 328 |
| January .. | 391 | 231 | 333 | 327 | 263 | 422 | 336 | 320 | 280 | 347 | 327 |
| February .. | p392 | 231 | p346 | 327 | 284 | 422 | p338 | p328 | p281 | p354 | p332 |

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 410 for February, 1959.

b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

(c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For February, 1959, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were : "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 329 ; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 355 ; "Total All Groups," 333.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Australia. (a) | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America. (b) | Sweden. (b) | United Kingdom. | | France. | India. |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | (c) | (d) | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 99 | 96 | 97 | 101 | 104 | 98 | Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100. | | Base : 1949 = 100. | Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100. |
| 1937-38 .. | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 101 | 103 | | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 100 | 102 | 100 | 95 | 95 | 99 | | | | |
| 1952-53 .. | 319 | 252 | 269 | 216 | 209 | 278 | | | | |
| 1953-54 .. | 319 | 248 | 270 | 214 | 209 | 268 | 152 | 126 | 141 | 386 |
| 1954-55 .. | 322 | 249 | 274 | 211 | 208 | 272 | 143 | 125 | 137 | 397 |
| 1955-56 .. | 334 | 253 | 283 | 217 | 212 | 290 | 147 | 127 | 135 | 365 |
| 1956-57 .. | 344 | 262 | 285 | 222 | 220 | 296 | 155 | 133 | 139 | 373 |
| 1957-58 .. | 339 | 264 | 289 | 222 | 225 | 295 | 158 | 138 | 143 | 424 |
| | | | | | | | 144 | 141 | 161 | 429 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 336 | 264 | 286 | 223 | 226 | 292 | 137 | 141 | 172 | 421 |
| June .. | 337 | 265 | 285 | 222 | 225 | 292 | 138 | 141 | 168 | 431 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 336 | 276 | 287 | 222 | 225 | 292 | 137 | 141 | 166 | 442 |
| Aug. .. | 338 | 275 | 289 | 221 | 225 | 290 | 137 | 141 | 167 | 445 |
| Sept. .. | 338 | 276 | 290 | 222 | 225 | 290 | 135 | 141 | 166 | 446 |
| Oct. .. | 334 | 278 | 290 | 221 | 225 | 290 | 136 | 141 | 166 | 446 |
| Nov. .. | 332 | 279 | 290 | 223 | 225 | 292 | 137 | 141 | 166 | 435 |
| Dec. .. | 328 | 279 | | 224 | 225 | 292 | 136 | p142 | 167 | 430 |
| Jan. .. | p327 | | | 224 | 226 | 290 | p137 | p142 | | |
| Feb. .. | p332 | | | | 226 | | p137 | p142 | | |

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry.

(d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

(e) Year ended August, 1939.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

| Period. | | Australia. (b) | | New Zealand. | South Africa. | Canada. | United States of America. | United Kingdom. |
|--------------|----|-------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | A | B | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | .. | 97.3 | | 96 | 97 | 98 | 100 | Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100c |
| 1937-38 .. | .. | 99.8 | | 101 | 101 | 102 | 101 | |
| 1938-39 .. | .. | 102.9 | | 103 | 102 | 100 | 99 | |
| 1952-53 .. | .. | 255.0 | | 185 | 194 | 184 | 189 | |
| 1953-54 .. | .. | 262.2 | | 195 | 199 | 184 | 190 | 140 |
| 1954-55 .. | .. | 264.4 | | 201 | 204 | 185 | 190 | 146 |
| | | A | B | | | | | |
| 1955-56 .. | .. | 274.2 | 277.4 | 206 | 209 | 186 | 190 | (d) 154 |
| 1956-57 .. | .. | 286.2 | 290.9 | 213 | 212 | 191 | 196 | 159 |
| 1957-58 .. | .. | 292.5 | 291.5 | 217 | 221 | 197 | 202 | 166 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| April .. | .. | 295.5 | 294.0 | 219 | 223 | 199 | 204 | 168 |
| May .. | .. | | | | 223 | 199 | 204 | 168 |
| June .. | .. | | | | 224 | 199 | 205 | 169 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | 296.6 | 295.0 | 229 | 225 | 198 | 205 | 166 |
| August .. | .. | | | | 226 | 199 | 205 | 166 |
| September .. | .. | | | | 226 | 200 | 205 | 166 |
| October .. | .. | | | | 226 | 200 | 205 | 168 |
| November .. | .. | 299.1 | 298.4 | 231 | 226 | 201 | 205 | 168 |
| December .. | .. | | | | | 201 | 205 | 169 |

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d).

(b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions.

(c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series.

(d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period. | | | "C" Series Retail Price Index : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. | | | | | Weekly Wage Rate Indexes : Six States. | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| | | | Food and Groceries. (a) | | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Clothing. | Miscel- laneous. | All Groups. (a) | | Nominal Rates, Adult Males. | "Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b) | |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | 963 | | 968 | 976 | 996 | 973 | 949 | | 976 | |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | 989 | | 1,001 | 1,006 | 1,003 | 998 | 1,007 | | 1,009 | |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | 1,048 | | 1,031 | 1,018 | 1,001 | 1,029 | 1,044 | | 1,015 | |
| 1950-51 | .. | .. | 1,998 | | 1,076 | 3,044 | 1,597 | 1,906 | 2,298 | | 1,206 | |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 2,694 | | 1,104 | 3,623 | 1,898 | 2,337 | 2,806 | | 1,201 | |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 2,950 | | 1,194 | 3,893 | 2,124 | 2,550 | 3,104 | | 1,217 | |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 3,073 | | 1,255 | 3,938 | 2,148 | 2,622 | 3,207 | | 1,223 | |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | 3,098 | | 1,309 | 3,940 | 2,145 | 2,644 | 3,249 | | 1,229 | |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | A 3,265 | B 3,354 | 1,377 | 3,968 | 2,230 | A 2,742 | B 2,774 | (c) 3,362 | A 1,226 | B 1,212 |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | 3,395 | 3,528 | 1,458 | 4,043 | 2,423 | 2,862 | 2,909 | (c) 3,536 | 1,236 | 1,216 |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | 3,424 | 3,396 | 1,527 | 4,147 | 2,497 | 2,925 | 2,915 | 3,605 | 1,233 | 1,237 |
| 1953-54— June | | Quarter | 3,055 | | 1,286 | 3,927 | 2,148 | 2,621 | 3,214 | | 1,226 | |
| 1954-55— September | | Quarter | 3,037 | | 1,301 | 3,924 | 2,145 | 2,618 | 3,213 | | 1,227 | |
| December | | " | 3,063 | | 1,306 | 3,939 | 2,147 | 2,631 | 3,233 | | 1,229 | |
| March | | " | 3,124 | | 1,310 | 3,934 | 2,132 | 2,649 | 3,269 | | 1,234 | |
| June | | " | 3,169 | | 1,320 | 3,961 | 2,157 | 2,678 | 3,283 | | 1,226 | |
| 1955-56— September | | Quarter | A 3,215 | B 3,265 | 1,330 | 3,965 | 2,169 | A 2,700 | B 2,719 | 3,299 | A 1,222 | B 1,213 |
| December | | " | 3,239 | 3,308 | 1,337 | 3,971 | 2,218 | 2,721 | 2,746 | 3,345 | 1,229 | 1,218 |
| March | | " | 3,262 | 3,348 | 1,415 | 3,965 | 2,227 | 2,748 | 2,780 | (c) 3,369 | 1,226 | 1,212 |
| June | | " | 3,343 | 3,495 | 1,425 | 3,971 | 2,305 | 2,797 | 2,851 | (c) 3,436 | 1,228 | 1,205 |
| 1956-57— September | | Quarter | 3,394 | 3,712 | 1,436 | 3,985 | 2,369 | 2,832 | 2,946 | (c) 3,480 | 1,229 | 1,181 |
| December | | " | 3,380 | 3,559 | 1,446 | 4,024 | 2,418 | 2,849 | 2,913 | (c) 3,543 | 1,244 | 1,216 |
| March | | " | 3,401 | 3,412 | 1,465 | 4,062 | 2,435 | 2,872 | 2,876 | (c) 3,539 | 1,232 | 1,231 |
| June | | " | 3,406 | 3,429 | 1,483 | 4,100 | 2,468 | 2,893 | 2,901 | (c) 3,583 | 1,239 | 1,235 |
| 1957-58— September | | Quarter | 3,417 | 3,403 | 1,500 | 4,114 | 2,488 | 2,907 | 2,903 | 3,594 | 1,236 | 1,238 |
| December | | " | 3,381 | 3,350 | 1,512 | 4,139 | 2,498 | 2,905 | 2,893 | 3,595 | 1,238 | 1,243 |
| March | | " | 3,446 | 3,419 | 1,525 | 4,148 | 2,500 | 2,933 | 2,923 | 3,594 | 1,225 | 1,230 |
| June | | " | 3,453 | 3,412 | 1,571 | 4,186 | 2,501 | 2,955 | 2,940 | 3,638 | 1,231 | 1,237 |
| 1958-59— September | | Quarter | 3,452 | 3,410 | 1,594 | 4,188 | 2,525 | 2,966 | 2,950 | 3,652 | 1,231 | 1,238 |
| December | | " | 3,475 | 3,458 | 1,614 | 4,192 | 2,579 | 2,991 | 2,984 | 3,655 | 1,222 | 1,225 |

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

| Period. | Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities. | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------|--|
| | Food.(a) | | Clothing and Drapery. | Rent. | Other Items. | All Groups.(a) | | |
| | A | B | | | | A | B | |
| Year ended June— | | | | | | | | |
| 1953 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| 1954 | 102.8 | 103.7 | 101.6 | 105.0 | 100.9 | 102.2 | 102.5 | |
| 1955 | 104.8 | 104.6 | 102.4 | 109.6 | 101.4 | 103.7 | 103.6 | |
| 1956 | 108.1 | 110.6 | 103.3 | 115.5 | 106.4 | 107.0 | 108.0 | |
| 1957 | 112.4 | 115.8 | 105.8 | 122.5 | 117.8 | 113.0 | 114.3 | |
| 1958 | 114.0 | 113.7 | 109.2 | 128.4 | 120.2 | 115.7 | 115.6 | |
| Quarter ended— | | | | | | | | |
| 1956—December .. | 111.6 | 116.2 | 105.3 | 121.5 | 117.8 | 112.5 | 114.2 | |
| 1957—March .. | 112.6 | 113.2 | 106.3 | 123.1 | 118.5 | 113.5 | 113.7 | |
| June .. | 113.3 | 114.2 | 107.9 | 124.6 | 119.3 | 114.5 | 114.8 | |
| September .. | 113.7 | 113.8 | 108.4 | 126.1 | 119.9 | 115.1 | 115.1 | |
| December .. | 112.8 | 112.4 | 109.1 | 127.0 | 120.1 | 115.1 | 114.9 | |
| 1958—March .. | 114.6 | 114.4 | 109.3 | 128.2 | 120.2 | 115.9 | 115.8 | |
| June .. | 114.9 | 114.4 | 110.2 | 132.2 | 120.4 | 116.7 | 116.5 | |
| September .. | 114.7 | 114.2 | 110.3 | 134.2 | 121.4 | 117.1 | 116.9 | |
| December .. | 115.1 | 115.1 | 110.5 | 136.0 | 124.5 | 118.3 | 118.3 | |

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year. | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1936-37 | 114 | 115 | 93 | 109 | 126 | 104 |
| 1937-38 | 98 | 98 | 102 | 99 | 95 | 100 |
| 1938-39 | 88 | 87 | 105 | 92 | 79 | 96 |
| 1949-50 | 272 | 396 | 228 | 316 | 483 | 261 |
| 1950-51 | 291 | 818 | 258 | 505 | 1,098 | 308 |
| 1951-52 | 355 | 501 | 332 | 410 | 552 | 363 |
| 1952-53 | 364 | 531 | 387 | 440 | 623 | 379 |
| 1953-54 | 324 | 534 | 395 | 429 | 621 | 365 |
| 1954-55 | 316 | 489 | 371 | 401 | 540 | 355 |
| 1955-56 | 330 | 451 | 392 | 397 | 468 | 373 |
| 1956-57 | r336 | r536 | 386 | r432 | 607 | r374 |
| 1957-58p | 346 | 468 | 389 | 407 | 474 | 385 |

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Export Price Index—All Groups. | | | Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index. | | Retail Price Indexes—All Groups.(b) (Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.) | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Excluding Wool. | Excluding Gold. | Total. | Basic Materials. | All Groups. (a) | “ C ” Series Index.(c) | | | | Interim Index.(d) | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 108 | 116 | 115 | 99 | 99 | 97.3 | Base : 1952-53 = 100 | | | | Base : 1952-53 = 100 | |
| 1937-38 .. | 105 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 99.8 | (Arithmetically con- verted for comparison.) | | | | | |
| 1938-39 .. | 87 | 82 | 83 | 99 | 100 | 102.9 | | | | | | |
| 1950-51 .. | 365 | 690 | 654 | 264 | 244 | 190.6 | 74.8 | | | | 74.9 | |
| 1951-52 .. | 397 | 495 | 473 | 321 | 297 | 233.7 | 91.7 | | | | 91.4 | |
| 1952-53 .. | 371 | 505 | 483 | 350 | 319 | 255.0 | 100.0 | | | | A | B |
| 1953-54 .. | 356 | 496 | 474 | 332 | 319 | 262.2 | 102.8 | | | | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1954-55 .. | 342 | 450 | 431 | 330 | 322 | 264.4 | 103.7 | | | | 102.2 | 102.5 |
| 1955-56 .. | 342 | 414 | 397 | 345 | 334 | A 274.2 | B 277.4 | A 107.5 | B 108.8 | 103.7 | 103.6 | |
| 1956-57 .. | 331 | 464 | 444 | 367 | 344 | 286.2 | 290.9 | 112.2 | 114.1 | 107.0 | 108.0 | |
| 1957-58 .. | 313 | 400 | 385 | 355 | 339 | 292.5 | 291.5 | 114.7 | 114.3 | 113.0 | 114.3 | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | 115.7 | 115.6 | |
| January .. | 330 | 472 | 451 | 369 | 343 | } 287.2 | 287.6 | 112.6 | 112.8 | 113.5 | 113.7 | |
| February.. | 330 | 479 | 458 | 370 | 345 | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 329 | 471 | 451 | 368 | 344 | } 289.3 | 290.1 | 113.5 | 113.8 | 114.5 | 114.8 | |
| April .. | 331 | 483 | 462 | 369 | 344 | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 333 | 488 | 467 | 367 | 340 | } 290.7 | 290.3 | 114.0 | 113.8 | 115.1 | 115.1 | |
| June .. | 332 | 473 | 452 | 365 | 345 | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 327 | 470 | 450 | 364 | 347 | } 290.5 | 289.3 | 114.0 | 113.5 | 115.1 | 114.9 | |
| August .. | 331 | 450 | 431 | 363 | 350 | | | | | | | |
| September | 328 | 445 | 426 | 361 | 346 | } 293.3 | 292.3 | 115.0 | 114.7 | 115.9 | 115.8 | |
| October .. | 323 | 420 | 403 | 358 | 338 | | | | | | | |
| November | 315 | 407 | 391 | 357 | 334 | } 295.5 | 294.0 | 115.9 | 115.3 | 116.7 | 116.5 | |
| December | 305 | 383 | 369 | 355 | 335 | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 306 | 387 | 373 | 355 | 335 | } 296.6 | 295.0 | 116.3 | 115.7 | 117.1 | 116.9 | |
| February.. | 303 | 393 | 378 | 355 | 336 | | | | | | | |
| March .. | 304 | 372 | 358 | 353 | 337 | } 299.1 | 298.4 | 117.3 | 117.0 | 118.3 | 118.3 | |
| April .. | 301 | 358 | 346 | 351 | 335 | | | | | | | |
| May .. | 303 | 356 | r344 | 343 | 336 | } 296.6 | 295.0 | 116.3 | 115.7 | 117.1 | 116.9 | |
| June .. | r306 | 361 | 348 | 343 | 337 | | | | | | | |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 304 | r361 | 348 | 339 | 336 | } 299.1 | 298.4 | 117.3 | 117.0 | 118.3 | 118.3 | |
| August .. | 310 | 342 | 330 | 338 | 338 | | | | | | | |
| September | 312 | 343 | r332 | 340 | 338 | } 296.6 | 295.0 | 116.3 | 115.7 | 117.1 | 116.9 | |
| October .. | r316 | 336 | 325 | 339 | 334 | | | | | | | |
| November | r319 | 339 | 328 | 338 | 332 | } 299.1 | 298.4 | 117.3 | 117.0 | 118.3 | 118.3 | |
| December | pr320 | p334 | p323 | 336 | 328 | | | | | | | |
| January .. | p321 | p331 | p321 | 336 | 327 | } 296.6 | 295.0 | 116.3 | 115.7 | 117.1 | 116.9 | |
| February.. | p313 | p336 | p325 | p338 | p332 | | | | | | | |

(a) See note (c) page 24. (b) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

| Particulars. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <i>1957 : December Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,719 | 3,555 | 3,389 | 3,447 | 3,640 | 3,645 | 3,595 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 263/- | 255/- | 238/- | 251/- | 256/- | 262/- | 256/- |
| State " " " .. | (c) 270/- | (d) 263/- | (e) 241/- | (f) 251/- | (g) 272/9 | (d) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1958 : March Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,711 | 3,555 | 3,417 | 3,447 | 3,608 | 3,645 | 3,594 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b) | 263/- | 255/- | 238/- | 251/- | 256/- | 262/- | 256/- |
| State " " " .. | (c) 269/- | (d) 263/- | (h) 244/- | (f) 251/- | (i) 268/6 | (d) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1958 : June Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,768 | 3,583 | 3,463 | 3,510 | 3,620 | 3,685 | 3,638 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j) | 268/- | 260/- | 243/- | 256/- | 261/- | 267/- | 261/- |
| State " " " .. | (c) 274/- | (d) 263/- | (k) 248/- | (l) 256/- | (i) 268/6 | (d) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1958 : September Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,769 | 3,589 | 3,526 | 3,512 | 3,651 | 3,698 | 3,652 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j) | 268/- | 260/- | 243/- | 256/- | 261/- | 267/- | 261/- |
| State " " " .. | (c) 274/- | (d) 263/- | (m) 254/- | (l) 256/- | (n) 272/3 | (d) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1958 : December Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,765 | 3,590 | 3,549 | 3,513 | 3,665 | 3,699 | 3,655 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j) | 268/- | 260/- | 243/- | 256/- | 261/- | 267/- | 261/- |
| State " " " .. | (c) 273/- | (d) 263/- | (o) 256/- | (l) 256/- | (o) 273/5 | (d) 272/- | .. |
| <i>1959 : March Quarter—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Nominal weekly wage rate (a) | 3,780 | 3,593 | 3,586 | 3,518 | 3,666 | 3,704 | 3,668 |
| Average weekly hours (a) .. | 890 | 889 | 890 | 890 | 879 | 890 | 889 |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (j) | 268/- | 260/- | 243/- | 256/- | 261/- | 267/- | 261/- |
| State " " " .. | (c) 275/- | (d) 263/- | (p) 260/- | (l) 256/- | (o) 273/5 | (d) 272/- | .. |

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States, Average 3 years ended June, 1939=1,000. See note at head of page 26.
 (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 15th May, 1957. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) Payable as from 29th July, 1957. (f) Payable as from 20th May, 1957.
 (g) Payable as from 19th July, 1957. (h) Payable as from 27th January, 1958. (i) Payable as from 7th February, 1958.
 (j) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (k) Payable as from 28th April, 1958.
 (l) Payable as from 26th May, 1958. (m) Payable as from 24th July, 1958. (n) Payable as from 4th August, 1958. (o) Payable as from 27th October, 1958. (p) Payable as from 2nd February, 1959.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

(Revised Series.)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period. | | | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|----|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 14,778 | 10,171 | 4,391 | 3,051 | 2,231 | 1,075 | 35,697 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 15,422 | 10,816 | 4,868 | 3,357 | 2,492 | 1,199 | 38,154 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 16,480 | 11,767 | 5,227 | 3,615 | 2,754 | 1,305 | 41,148 |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | 17,970 | 12,901 | 5,601 | 3,940 | 2,928 | 1,399 | 44,739 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | 19,764 | 14,144 | 6,033 | 4,330 | 3,104 | 1,521 | 48,896 |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | 20,923 | 14,913 | 6,466 | 4,499 | 3,174 | 1,631 | 51,606 |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | 21,620 | 15,487 | 6,582 | 4,622 | 3,282 | 1,661 | 53,254 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| December | Qtr. | .. | 21,883 | 15,467 | 6,886 | 4,602 | 3,191 | 1,644 | 53,673 |
| March | .. | .. | 20,124 | 14,269 | 6,048 | 4,335 | 3,086 | 1,615 | 49,477 |
| June | .. | .. | 21,342 | 15,285 | 6,520 | 4,586 | 3,213 | 1,710 | 52,656 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 21,236 | 15,149 | 6,594 | 4,607 | 3,317 | 1,569 | 52,472 |
| December | .. | .. | 22,696 | 16,235 | 6,895 | 4,756 | 3,353 | 1,662 | 55,597 |
| March | .. | .. | 20,598 | 14,755 | 6,086 | 4,465 | 3,111 | 1,641 | 50,656 |
| June | .. | .. | 21,949 | 15,808 | 6,755 | 4,659 | 3,345 | 1,772 | 54,288 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 22,133 | 15,890 | 7,002 | 4,753 | 3,404 | 1,647 | 54,829 |
| December | .. | .. | r23,605 | 17,031 | 7,417 | 4,961 | 3,507 | 1,795 | r58,316 |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 14.74 | 14.48 | 12.60 | 13.63 | 13.32 | 13.29 | 14.13 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 15.96 | 15.71 | 14.17 | 15.17 | 14.69 | 14.80 | 15.45 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 16.69 | 16.64 | 14.98 | 15.87 | 15.59 | 15.78 | 16.26 |
| 1954-55 | .. | .. | 17.64 | 17.59 | 15.58 | 16.83 | 16.11 | 16.54 | 17.13 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | 18.92 | 18.78 | 16.49 | 17.88 | 16.92 | 17.75 | 18.28 |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | 19.88 | 19.69 | 17.47 | 18.27 | 17.47 | 18.76 | 19.15 |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | 20.44 | 20.21 | 17.91 | 18.67 | 18.04 | 18.93 | 19.66 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| December | Qtr. | .. | 20.75 | 20.44 | 18.50 | 18.82 | 17.57 | 19.06 | 19.91 |
| March | .. | .. | 19.08 | 18.78 | 16.49 | 17.51 | 16.97 | 18.39 | 18.33 |
| June | .. | .. | 20.28 | 20.10 | 17.66 | 18.49 | 17.69 | 19.48 | 19.51 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 20.18 | 19.96 | 17.80 | 18.65 | 18.34 | 18.19 | 19.46 |
| December | .. | .. | 21.44 | 21.27 | 18.93 | 19.25 | 18.44 | 19.20 | 20.58 |
| March | .. | .. | 19.43 | 19.14 | 16.73 | 18.00 | 17.08 | 18.56 | 18.67 |
| June | .. | .. | 20.69 | 20.49 | 18.20 | 18.78 | 18.28 | 19.78 | 19.93 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| September | .. | .. | 20.91 | 20.67 | 18.67 | 19.16 | 18.65 | 18.71 | 20.15 |
| December | .. | .. | r22.20 | 22.02 | 19.89 | 19.88 | 19.11 | 20.38 | r21.35 |

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

| Period. | New Dwellings. | | Other New Buildings. | | Total New Buildings. | | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. | Number. | Value. | Value. | Value. |
| Monthly Average— | | £'000. | | £'000. | | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| 1936-37(a) .. | 1,122 | 1,104 | 154 | 474 | 1,276 | 1,578 | 408 | 1,986 |
| 1937-38(a) .. | 1,394 | 1,413 | 147 | 472 | 1,541 | 1,885 | 422 | 2,307 |
| 1938-39(a) .. | 1,463 | 1,509 | 137 | 424 | 1,600 | 1,933 | 420 | 2,353 |
| 1950-51(b) .. | 3,558 | 7,857 | 151 | 1,062 | 3,709 | 8,919 | 1,507 | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,736 | 6,703 | 164 | 1,269 | 2,900 | 7,972 | 1,727 | 9,699 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,506 | 6,472 | 302 | 1,739 | 2,808 | 8,211 | 1,829 | 10,040 |
| 1953-54 .. | 2,663 | 7,748 | 327 | 2,537 | 2,990 | 10,285 | 2,071 | 12,356 |
| 1954-55(c) .. | 3,673 | 11,245 | 377 | 4,054 | 4,050 | 15,299 | 2,593 | 17,892 |
| 1955-56 .. | 3,361 | 11,040 | 336 | 4,994 | 3,697 | 16,034 | 2,847 | 18,881 |
| 1956-57 .. | 3,114 | 10,496 | 327 | 4,252 | 3,441 | 14,748 | 2,653 | 17,401 |
| 1957-58 .. | 3,451 | 11,973 | 353 | 4,265 | 3,804 | 16,238 | 2,922 | 19,160 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 3,068 | 10,477 | 293 | 3,540 | 3,361 | 14,017 | 2,416 | 16,433 |
| March .. | 3,139 | 10,822 | 356 | 4,320 | 3,495 | 15,142 | 2,790 | 17,932 |
| April .. | 3,210 | 10,545 | 282 | 3,319 | 3,492 | 13,864 | 2,398 | 16,262 |
| May .. | 3,801 | 13,353 | 393 | 4,686 | 4,194 | 18,039 | 3,283 | 21,322 |
| June .. | 3,327 | 11,439 | 380 | 5,763 | 3,707 | 17,202 | 2,184 | 19,386 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 3,753 | 12,992 | 393 | 3,870 | 4,146 | 16,862 | 3,216 | 20,078 |
| August .. | 3,986 | 13,384 | 403 | 4,212 | 4,389 | 17,596 | 3,737 | 21,333 |
| September .. | 3,522 | 12,593 | 325 | 4,303 | 3,847 | 16,896 | 2,893 | 19,789 |
| October .. | 3,528 | 12,406 | 373 | 3,340 | 3,901 | 15,746 | 3,033 | 18,779 |
| November .. | 3,269 | 11,164 | 350 | 3,160 | 3,619 | 14,324 | 2,876 | 17,200 |
| December .. | 2,413 | 8,967 | 229 | 2,483 | 2,642 | 11,450 | 2,019 | 13,469 |
| January .. | 3,351 | 11,123 | 287 | 5,764 | 3,638 | 16,887 | 2,772 | 19,659 |
| February .. | 3,155 | 10,768 | 346 | 3,778 | 3,501 | 14,546 | 2,455 | 17,001 |
| March .. | 3,552 | 11,944 | 348 | 3,601 | 3,900 | 15,545 | 2,728 | 18,273 |
| April .. | 3,567 | 12,903 | 360 | 6,082 | 3,927 | 18,985 | 3,074 | 22,059 |
| May .. | 3,679 | 12,726 | 419 | 5,197 | 4,098 | 17,923 | 2,955 | 20,878 |
| June .. | 3,639 | 12,705 | 401 | 5,391 | 4,040 | 18,096 | 3,308 | 21,404 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 4,411 | 15,447 | 466 | 7,161 | 4,877 | 22,608 | 3,642 | 26,250 |
| August .. | 3,459 | 12,432 | 425 | 6,540 | 3,884 | 18,972 | 3,311 | 22,283 |
| September .. | 4,115 | 14,586 | 408 | 4,563 | 4,523 | 19,149 | 3,761 | 22,910 |
| October .. | 3,839 | 13,500 | 420 | 5,384 | 4,259 | 18,884 | 3,303 | 22,187 |
| November .. | 3,523 | 12,997 | 347 | 3,962 | 3,870 | 16,959 | 3,000 | 19,959 |
| December .. | 2,787 | 9,928 | 330 | 4,015 | 3,117 | 13,943 | 2,563 | 16,506 |
| January .. | 2,712 | 10,176 | 266 | 3,747 | 2,978 | 13,923 | 2,092 | 16,015 |
| February .. | 3,440 | 12,697 | 326 | 4,395 | 3,766 | 17,092 | 3,103 | 20,195 |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Australia. | | | New South Wales. | | | Victoria. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private.(a) | | Government. (b) | Private. | | Government. | Private. | |
| | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note B. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | (c)1,986 | (d)627 | n.a. | 848 | 416 | n.a. | 667 | 62 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | (c)2,307 | (d)764 | n.a. | 1,093 | 506 | n.a. | 669 | 78 |
| 1938-39 .. | 408 | (c)2,353 | (d)755 | 187 | 1,111 | 495 | 107 | 702 | 63 |
| 1952-53 .. | 2,783 | (e)10,040 | (f)7,671 | 923 | 2,799 | (g)3,542 | 1,129 | (e)2,906 | (h)1,931 |
| 1953-54 .. | (i)4,622 | 12,356 | 9,691 | 1,912 | 3,553 | 4,622 | 1,653 | 3,890 | 2,297 |
| 1954-55 .. | 5,936 | (j)17,892 | (j)8,365 | 2,461 | (k)6,340 | (k)3,550 | 1,779 | (k)5,598 | (k)1,812 |
| 1955-56 .. | 5,845 | 18,881 | 9,020 | 2,399 | 6,742 | 3,365 | 1,559 | 6,163 | 2,240 |
| 1956-57 .. | 5,199 | 17,401 | 8,862 | 2,467 | 6,365 | 3,323 | 1,432 | 5,648 | 1,991 |
| 1957-58 .. | 6,170 | 19,160 | 9,862 | 2,676 | 6,961 | 3,967 | 1,717 | 6,698 | 2,161 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| March Qtr. | 6,062 | 16,590 | 7,887 | 2,770 | 6,299 | 2,948 | 2,098 | 5,455 | 1,833 |
| June.. .. | 4,222 | 18,990 | 10,330 | 1,911 | 7,280 | 4,207 | 1,331 | 5,851 | 2,199 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 5,378 | 20,400 | 10,439 | 2,762 | 7,214 | 4,165 | 1,150 | 6,992 | 2,096 |
| December .. | 6,039 | 16,542 | 9,503 | 1,878 | 5,457 | 4,090 | 2,549 | 6,196 | 2,095 |
| March .. | 5,998 | 18,311 | 9,452 | 2,171 | 6,689 | 3,713 | 1,644 | 6,543 | 2,145 |
| June.. .. | 7,266 | 21,447 | 10,052 | 3,894 | 8,483 | 3,901 | 1,526 | 7,060 | 2,307 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| September .. | 7,217 | 23,814 | 11,746 | 3,880 | 9,120 | 5,011 | 1,560 | 8,437 | 2,504 |
| December .. | 6,533 | 19,551 | 10,200 | 2,479 | 7,098 | 3,893 | 2,526 | 7,147 | 2,125 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 4,977 | 22,059 | n.a. | 1,795 | 9,629 | 4,074 | 1,113 | 6,464 | 2,245 |
| May.. .. | 6,426 | 20,878 | n.a. | 3,409 | 7,372 | 3,977 | 1,668 | 7,775 | 2,376 |
| June.. .. | 10,395 | 21,404 | n.a. | 6,480 | 8,449 | 3,653 | 1,795 | 6,940 | 2,299 |
| 1958-59— | | | n.a. | | | | | | |
| July.. .. | 6,227 | 26,250 | n.a. | 3,754 | 9,877 | 4,736 | 1,169 | 9,713 | 2,541 |
| August .. | 6,237 | 22,283 | n.a. | 3,234 | 8,074 | 5,441 | 1,156 | 8,906 | 2,411 |
| September .. | 9,188 | 22,910 | n.a. | 4,651 | 9,409 | 4,857 | 2,354 | 6,692 | 2,561 |
| October .. | 6,460 | 22,187 | n.a. | 2,698 | 7,188 | 4,077 | 2,200 | 8,880 | 2,668 |
| November .. | 6,115 | 19,959 | n.a. | 1,671 | 7,920 | 3,687 | 2,907 | 6,495 | 1,971 |
| December .. | 7,024 | 16,506 | n.a. | 3,067 | 6,185 | 3,914 | 2,472 | 6,065 | 1,736 |
| January .. | 3,499 | 16,015 | n.a. | 1,666 | 5,783 | 3,975 | 1,113 | 5,213 | 1,928 |
| February .. | 6,999 | 20,195 | n.a. | 3,087 | 7,676 | 3,525 | 1,078 | 6,893 | 2,362 |

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
B. Includes the Cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Queensland. | | | South Australia. | | | Western Australia. | | | Tasmania. | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Government. | Private.(a) | | Government.(b) | Private.(a) | | Government. | Private.(a) | | Government. | Private.(a) | |
| | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note C. | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note D. | Common-wealth and State. | Perth Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note E. | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart Metrop. Area. | Other recorded areas. See Note F. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | n.a. | 153 | 98 | n.a. | 118 | 32 | n.a. | 168 | n.a. | n.a. | 32 | 19 |
| 1937-38 .. | n.a. | 167 | 114 | n.a. | 173 | 48 | n.a. | 174 | n.a. | n.a. | 31 | 18 |
| 1938-39 .. | 34 | 171 | 118 | 22 | 192 | 63 | 38 | 145 | n.a. | 20 | 32 | 16 |
| 1952-53 .. | 232 | 1,376 | c1,209 | 226 | 1,525 | 336 | 219 | 1,157 | 320 | 54 | (d) 277 | (e) 333 |
| 1953-54 .. | (f) 303 | 1,299 | 1,404 | 320 | 1,486 | 392 | 314 | 1,750 | 548 | 120 | 378 | 428 |
| 1954-55 .. | 489 | 1,449 | 1,545 | 475 | 2,171 | 463 | 570 | 1,941 | 535 | 162 | (g) 393 | (g) 460 |
| 1955-56 .. | 545 | 1,679 | 1,669 | 959 | 2,403 | 812 | 277 | 1,494 | 413 | 106 | 400 | 521 |
| 1956-57 .. | 346 | 1,553 | 1,850 | 482 | 1,911 | 698 | 234 | 1,470 | 435 | 238 | 454 | 565 |
| 1957-58 .. | 614 | 1,702 | 1,970 | 536 | 2,066 | 763 | 425 | 1,321 | 520 | 202 | 412 | 481 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. Qtr. | 358 | 1,200 | 1,467 | 479 | 1,819 | 614 | 282 | 1,387 | 426 | 75 | 430 | 599 |
| June .. | 344 | 1,591 | 2,161 | 233 | 2,248 | 648 | 254 | 1,508 | 424 | 149 | 512 | 691 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 577 | 1,513 | 2,223 | 381 | 2,395 | 905 | 339 | 1,854 | 567 | 169 | 432 | 483 |
| Dec. .. | 379 | 1,469 | 1,785 | 508 | 1,830 | 622 | 553 | 1,167 | 456 | 172 | 423 | 455 |
| Mar. .. | 1,004 | 1,644 | 1,879 | 495 | 2,011 | 677 | 402 | 1,020 | 536 | 282 | 404 | 502 |
| June .. | 494 | 2,180 | 1,992 | 758 | 2,027 | 849 | 407 | 1,247 | 521 | 187 | 450 | 482 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. .. | 508 | 1,844 | 2,053 | 443 | 2,586 | 1,150 | 706 | 1,347 | 515 | 120 | 480 | 513 |
| Dec. .. | 386 | 1,714 | 2,131 | 606 | 2,082 | 1,057 | 272 | 1,182 | 463 | 264 | 328 | 531 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April .. | 379 | 2,679 | 1,951 | 1,217 | 1,847 | n.a. | 386 | 1,141 | 435 | 87 | 299 | 575 |
| May .. | 314 | 1,830 | 1,890 | 492 | 2,254 | n.a. | 328 | 1,181 | 660 | 215 | 466 | 466 |
| June .. | 790 | 2,031 | 2,134 | 566 | 1,979 | n.a. | 506 | 1,419 | 469 | 258 | 586 | 405 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 339 | 2,038 | 1,944 | 369 | 2,889 | n.a. | 496 | 1,279 | 514 | 100 | 454 | 473 |
| August .. | 183 | 1,629 | 2,014 | 588 | 2,183 | n.a. | 964 | 1,131 | 543 | 112 | 360 | 533 |
| September.. | 1,003 | 1,864 | 2,200 | 371 | r2,686 | n.a. | 659 | 1,633 | 488 | 150 | 626 | 532 |
| October .. | 327 | 1,909 | 2,388 | 675 | 2,451 | n.a. | 236 | 1,371 | 565 | 324 | 388 | 575 |
| November.. | 537 | 1,834 | 1,995 | 500 | 2,141 | n.a. | 208 | 1,172 | 415 | 292 | 397 | 567 |
| December.. | 294 | 1,399 | 2,010 | 644 | 1,655 | n.a. | 371 | 1,004 | 408 | 176 | 198 | 452 |
| January .. | 349 | 1,844 | r1,448 | 135 | 1,801 | n.a. | 159 | 853 | 351 | 77 | 521 | 421 |
| February .. | 911 | 1,934 | 1,849 | 808 | 2,218 | n.a. | 937 | 1,142 | 425 | 178 | 332 | 478 |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | Commenced. | | | Completed. | | | Under Construction at end of period. | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total. | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total. | Houses and Flats. | Other. | Total. |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53.. .. | (a)39,490 | 13,898 | a 53,388 | 49,313 | 16,584 | 65,897 | a 158,962 | 114,779 | a 273,741 |
| 1953-54.. .. | a 49,254 | 23,428 | a 72,682 | 49,780 | 20,130 | 69,910 | a 163,798 | 132,339 | a 296,137 |
| 1954-55(b) .. | 53,263 | 31,710 | 84,973 | 55,529 | 23,063 | 78,592 | 162,978 | 170,592 | 333,570 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 53,021 | 41,171 | 94,192 | 56,565 | 31,602 | 88,167 | 156,393 | 218,652 | 375,045 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 52,355 | 37,386 | 89,741 | 52,434 | 37,957 | 90,391 | 161,478 | 224,758 | 386,236 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 57,260 | 37,929 | 95,189 | 57,875 | 48,410 | 106,285 | 163,698 | 191,772 | 355,470 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. Qtr. .. | 50,800 | 45,594 | 96,394 | 53,246 | 35,031 | 88,277 | 155,591 | 232,211 | 387,802 |
| Dec. " .. | 50,821 | 34,143 | 84,964 | 55,052 | 36,514 | 91,566 | 152,607 | 231,215 | 383,822 |
| Mar. " .. | 51,663 | 35,511 | 87,174 | 47,622 | 40,451 | 88,073 | 157,737 | 228,378 | 386,115 |
| June " .. | 56,134 | 34,298 | 90,432 | 53,816 | 39,830 | 93,646 | 161,478 | 224,758 | 386,236 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 59,149 | 39,139 | 98,288 | 53,910 | 55,215 | 109,125 | 168,068 | 212,075 | 380,143 |
| Dec. " .. | 53,014 | 31,753 | 84,767 | 61,801 | 44,466 | 106,267 | 160,581 | 201,631 | 362,212 |
| Mar. " .. | 55,656 | 39,157 | 94,813 | 55,089 | 46,986 | 102,075 | 162,319 | 196,037 | 358,356 |
| June " .. | 61,220 | 41,668 | 102,888 | 60,698 | 46,974 | 107,672 | 163,698 | 191,772 | 355,470 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 67,969 | 49,085 | 117,054 | 64,432 | 42,427 | 106,859 | 168,746 | 201,441 | 370,187 |
| Dec. " .. | 57,096 | 33,205 | 90,301 | 70,439 | 54,087 | 124,526 | r156,777 | 181,983 | r338,760 |

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53 | 24,512 | 19,242 | 6,558 | 6,471 | 5,730 | 2,666 | n.a. | 718 | 65,897 |
| 1953-54 | 25,386 | 21,680 | 6,478 | 6,527 | 6,446 | 2,423 | n.a. | 970 | 69,910 |
| 1954-55 | 27,674 | 24,733 | 7,080 | 6,770 | 8,524 | 2,662 | 413 | 736 | 78,592 |
| 1955-56 | 31,035 | 27,899 | 7,630 | 8,429 | 8,419 | 3,199 | 484 | 1,072 | 88,167 |
| 1956-57 | 33,274 | 28,708 | 8,846 | 8,499 | 5,856 | 3,152 | 571 | 1,485 | 90,391 |
| 1957-58 | 42,310 | 32,939 | 9,510 | 9,512 | 6,816 | 3,210 | 528 | 1,460 | 106,285 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. Qtr. .. | 31,805 | 28,836 | 8,553 | 7,901 | 6,485 | 2,930 | 694 | 1,073 | 88,277 |
| Dec. " .. | 30,197 | 31,187 | 8,406 | 8,958 | 5,954 | 3,030 | 743 | 3,091 | 91,566 |
| Mar. " .. | 35,794 | 25,477 | 8,655 | 8,588 | 5,107 | 3,214 | 349 | 889 | 88,073 |
| June " .. | 35,298 | 29,330 | 9,769 | 8,550 | 5,878 | 3,435 | 499 | 887 | 93,646 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 44,859 | 33,424 | 9,815 | 9,012 | 6,297 | 3,192 | 698 | 1,828 | 109,125 |
| Dec. " .. | 40,688 | 31,954 | 10,263 | 10,178 | 8,044 | 3,312 | 502 | 1,326 | 106,267 |
| Mar. " .. | 41,293 | 31,470 | 9,952 | 9,083 | 6,433 | 2,715 | 311 | 818 | 102,075 |
| June " .. | 42,400 | 34,908 | 8,013 | 9,774 | 6,488 | 3,621 | 599 | 1,869 | 107,672 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| Sept. " .. | 39,545 | 30,964 | 10,657 | 9,731 | 9,706 | 3,066 | 538 | 2,652 | 106,859 |
| Dec. " .. | 43,090 | 39,640 | 12,753 | 14,056 | 7,821 | 3,157 | 752 | 3,257 | 124,526 |

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS. (a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| COMMENCED. | | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53 | (b)5,104 | 4,186 | 2,371 | 1,992 | 1,795 | 572 | n.a. | 132 | (b)16,152 |
| 1953-54 | (b)7,098 | 5,413 | 2,179 | 1,737 | 2,015 | 681 | n.a. | 96 | (b)19,219 |
| 1954-55 | 6,282 | 5,964 | 2,016 | 1,816 | 2,239 | 738 | 62 | 192 | 19,309 |
| 1955-56 | 6,096 | 5,490 | 1,847 | 2,127 | 1,672 | 631 | 85 | 207 | 18,155 |
| 1956-57 | 6,080 | 5,190 | 1,963 | 1,782 | 1,429 | 665 | 63 | 192 | 17,364 |
| 1957-58 | 6,461 | 5,804 | 1,836 | 1,863 | 1,390 | 616 | 78 | 289 | 18,337 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57—Dec. Qtr. | 5,782 | 5,075 | 2,184 | 1,857 | 1,299 | 616 | 82 | 99 | 16,994 |
| Mar. „ | 5,949 | 5,203 | 1,766 | 1,620 | 1,644 | 754 | 28 | 161 | 17,125 |
| June „ | 6,751 | 5,517 | 1,637 | 1,813 | 1,571 | 751 | 38 | 405 | 18,483 |
| 1957-58—Sept. „ | 6,703 | 5,480 | 1,986 | 2,058 | 1,686 | 633 | 73 | 301 | 18,920 |
| Dec. „ | 6,057 | 5,392 | 1,612 | 1,778 | 1,249 | 582 | 38 | 340 | 17,048 |
| Mar. „ | 6,223 | 6,055 | 1,779 | 1,666 | 1,282 | 583 | 100 | 198 | 17,886 |
| June „ | 6,862 | 6,289 | 1,968 | 1,948 | 1,345 | 665 | 100 | 316 | 19,493 |
| 1958-59—Sept. „ | 7,721 | 6,444 | 2,390 | 2,170 | 1,497 | 725 | 101 | 549 | 21,597 |
| Dec. „ | 6,851 | 5,749 | 1,975 | 2,126 | 1,132 | 692 | 46 | 211 | 18,782 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--------|
| COMPLETED. | | | | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1952-53 | 6,638 | 5,494 | 2,663 | 2,250 | 2,016 | 832 | n.a. | 159 | 20,052 |
| 1953-54 | 6,881 | 5,571 | 2,279 | 1,905 | 1,960 | 661 | n.a. | 138 | 19,395 |
| 1954-55 | 7,396 | 6,155 | 2,059 | 1,857 | 2,277 | 632 | 50 | 102 | 20,528 |
| 1955-56 | 6,786 | 5,981 | 1,899 | 1,952 | 2,086 | 693 | 78 | 151 | 19,626 |
| 1956-57 | 5,782 | 5,270 | 1,848 | 1,856 | 1,349 | 716 | 82 | 206 | 17,109 |
| 1957-58 | 6,611 | 5,618 | 1,922 | 1,994 | 1,592 | 652 | 68 | 189 | 18,646 |
| Quarterly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57—Dec. Qtr. | 5,841 | 5,527 | 1,996 | 2,084 | 1,419 | 815 | 86 | 347 | 18,115 |
| Mar. „ | 5,703 | 4,649 | 1,745 | 1,678 | 1,055 | 545 | 53 | 134 | 15,562 |
| June „ | 6,002 | 5,262 | 1,891 | 1,802 | 1,482 | 705 | 90 | 161 | 17,395 |
| 1957-58—Sept. „ | 5,824 | 5,119 | 2,030 | 2,020 | 1,664 | 665 | 85 | 122 | 17,529 |
| Dec. „ | 6,918 | 6,101 | 1,979 | 2,134 | 1,922 | 706 | 62 | 223 | 20,045 |
| Mar. „ | 6,479 | 5,289 | 1,872 | 1,870 | 1,301 | 615 | 53 | 148 | 17,627 |
| June „ | 7,224 | 5,962 | 1,807 | 1,954 | 1,480 | 621 | 75 | 261 | 19,384 |
| 1958-59—Sept. „ | 7,494 | 6,386 | 2,089 | 2,204 | 1,342 | 595 | 79 | 341 | 20,530 |
| Dec. „ | 7,706 | 7,076 | 2,301 | 2,239 | 1,858 | 614 | 102 | 490 | 22,386 |

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----------|
| 1952-53 | (b)24,484 | 22,360 | 3,993 | 6,520 | 6,186 | 2,115 | n.a. | 646 | (b)66,304 |
| 1953-54 | (b)25,348 | 21,730 | 3,593 | 5,865 | 6,406 | 2,195 | n.a. | 477 | (b)65,614 |
| 1954-55 | 20,875 | 20,964 | 3,421 | 5,684 | 6,253 | 2,621 | 211 | 837 | 60,866 |
| 1955-56 | 18,103 | 18,978 | 3,213 | 6,373 | 4,596 | 2,375 | 240 | 1,057 | 54,935 |
| 1956-57 | 19,248 | 18,655 | 3,674 | 6,038 | 4,919 | 2,171 | 163 | 1,001 | 55,869 |
| 1957-58 | 18,640 | 19,400 | 3,331 | 5,510 | 4,114 | 2,027 | 199 | 1,402 | 54,623 |
| 1956-57—Dec. Qtr. „ | 18,263 | 17,846 | 3,907 | 6,114 | 4,241 | 1,916 | 240 | 730 | 53,257 |
| Mar. „ .. | 18,506 | 18,400 | 3,928 | 6,027 | 4,830 | 2,125 | 215 | 757 | 54,788 |
| June „ .. | 19,248 | 18,655 | 3,674 | 6,038 | 4,919 | 2,171 | 163 | 1,001 | 55,869 |
| 1957-58—Sept. „ .. | 20,127 | 19,016 | 3,630 | 6,076 | 4,941 | 2,139 | 151 | 1,180 | 57,260 |
| Dec. „ .. | 19,267 | 18,307 | 3,263 | 5,720 | 4,268 | 2,015 | 127 | 1,297 | 54,264 |
| Mar. „ .. | 19,006 | 19,073 | 3,170 | 5,516 | 4,249 | 1,983 | 174 | 1,347 | 54,518 |
| June „ .. | 18,640 | 19,400 | 3,331 | 5,510 | 4,114 | 2,027 | 199 | 1,402 | 54,623 |
| 1958-59—Sept. „ .. | 18,879 | 19,458 | 3,632 | 5,476 | 4,269 | 2,157 | 221 | 1,610 | 55,702 |
| Dec. „ .. | 18,024 | 18,131 | 3,306 | 5,363 | 3,543 | 2,235 | 165 | 1,331 | 52,098 |

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period. | Black Coal. | | | Brown Coal. | Gold. (Mine Pro- duction). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. | | Metals. | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Under- ground. | Open Cut. | Total. | | | Gas made in Gas- works. | Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated. | Pig Iron. | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. (b) | Lead, Refined (b)(c) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
| | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 fine oz. | Million cubic feet. | Million kWh. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | (d) | (d) | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 976 | 1 | 977 | 258 | 108.2 | 1,679 | 331 | 76.1 | 90.0 | 5,840 | 17,562 | 1,280 |
| 1937-38 .. | 988 | 2 | 990 | 300 | 123.3 | 1,746 | 363 | 77.5 | 97.2 | 5,810 | 18,797 | 1,437 |
| 1938-39 .. | 1,048 | 3 | 1,051 | 267 | 135.1 | 1,789 | 391 | 92.1 | 97.5 | 5,819 | 19,416 | 1,457 |
| 1951-52 .. | 1,243 | 355 | 1,598 | 675 | 75.7 | 3,366 | 941 | 119.2 | 126.8 | 7,011 | 15,680 | 1,485 |
| 1952-53 .. | 1,251 | 294 | 1,545 | 673 | 86.5 | 3,439 | 1,004 | 141.0 | 150.1 | 7,181 | 16,030 | 1,595 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,362 | 257 | 1,619 | 728 | 92.6 | 3,508 | 1,142 | 152.2 | 176.4 | 8,263 | 19,669 | 1,742 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,393 | 220 | 1,613 | 806 | 90.0 | 3,622 | 1,264 | 155.7 | 184.1 | 8,372 | 19,613 | 2,533 |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,403 | 183 | 1,586 | 865 | 86.0 | 3,719 | 1,399 | 159.2 | 193.4 | 8,659 | 18,399 | 2,039 |
| 1956-57 .. | 1,469 | 174 | 1,643 | 898 | 88.5 | 3,878 | 1,531 | 174.9 | r231.2 | 8,879 | 19,982 | 2,711 |
| 1957-58 p .. | 1,519 | 178 | 1,697 | 906 | 90.3 | 4,024 | 1,649 | 190.3 | 258.8 | r9,589 | r21,378 | r2,987 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 1,476 | 149 | 1,625 | 835 | 80.7 | 3,158 | 1,388 | 170.9 | 237.5 | 8,152 | 17,118 | 3,555 |
| March .. | 1,453 | 159 | 1,612 | 892 | 88.6 | 3,584 | 1,543 | 174.4 | 254.5 | 9,030 | 18,024 | 3,498 |
| April .. | 1,374 | 159 | 1,533 | 887 | 90.7 | 3,629 | 1,502 | 168.1 | 246.9 | 8,962 | 17,188 | 3,288 |
| May .. | 1,578 | 200 | 1,778 | 966 | 87.3 | 4,313 | 1,693 | 173.3 | 250.5 | 9,229 | 21,253 | 2,734 |
| June .. | 1,423 | 160 | 1,583 | 916 | 96.5 | 4,257 | 1,616 | 181.7 | 246.8 | 7,482 | 20,034 | 2,689 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,711 | 202 | 1,913 | 986 | 106.2 | 4,965 | 1,817 | 198.8 | 264.2 | 10,919 | 19,988 | 2,666 |
| August .. | 1,654 | 191 | 1,845 | 972 | 86.9 | 4,708 | 1,773 | 196.3 | 271.7 | 9,532 | 21,839 | 1,864 |
| September | 1,636 | 188 | 1,824 | 907 | 87.8 | 4,378 | 1,641 | 182.2 | 261.5 | 9,196 | 20,313 | 2,521 |
| October | 1,746 | 194 | 1,940 | 920 | r89.2 | 4,109 | 1,665 | 188.0 | 263.9 | 9,669 | 21,732 | 2,774 |
| November | 1,641 | 190 | 1,831 | 879 | r90.8 | 3,729 | 1,584 | 182.0 | 246.4 | 9,394 | 21,926 | 3,105 |
| December | 1,218 | 129 | 1,347 | 753 | 94.3 | 3,521 | 1,530 | 202.1 | 250.9 | 9,706 | 20,895 | 2,820 |
| January .. | 1,101 | 132 | 1,233 | 851 | 92.4 | 3,429 | 1,518 | 197.5 | 269.9 | 9,657 | 21,050 | 2,248 |
| February | 1,467 | 194 | 1,661 | 807 | 84.1 | 3,232 | 1,468 | 172.6 | 232.6 | 8,609 | 18,865 | 2,920 |
| March .. | 1,486 | 184 | 1,670 | 889 | 85.5 | 3,663 | 1,632 | 196.6 | 265.9 | 9,560 | 22,072 | 3,708 |
| April .. | 1,444 | 176 | 1,620 | r901 | 81.7 | 3,701 | 1,588 | 186.5 | 254.2 | 9,306 | 22,985 | 3,414 |
| May .. | 1,565 | 204 | 1,769 | r1,001 | 88.1 | 4,203 | 1,766 | 199.5 | 277.6 | 9,748 | 22,598 | 3,537 |
| June .. | 1,553 | 155 | 1,708 | r1,000 | 95.9 | 4,646 | 1,813 | 178.9 | 256.6 | 9,777 | 22,273 | r4,265 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,818 | 199 | 2,017 | 1,118 | 107.6 | 5,131 | 1,968 | 190.0 | 270.5 | 9,591 | 19,131 | 3,946 |
| August .. | 1,663 | 174 | 1,837 | 1,060 | 85.0 | 4,774 | 1,852 | 194.7 | 267.2 | 9,888 | 19,802 | 4,202 |
| September | 1,630 | 173 | 1,803 | 1,061 | 98.7 | 4,431 | 1,775 | 189.2 | 263.6 | 9,663 | 19,997 | 4,639 |
| October | 1,802 | 157 | 1,959 | 1,032 | 93.4 | 4,147 | 1,774 | 182.0 | 265.3 | 9,862 | 18,284 | 4,479 |
| November | 1,571 | 163 | 1,734 | 998 | 87.8 | 3,663 | 1,660 | 188.5 | 262.7 | 9,382 | 21,120 | 3,898 |
| December | 1,175 | 151 | 1,326 | 925 | r102.4 | 3,596 | 1,638 | 200.2 | 269.9 | 9,696 | 21,038 | 2,020 |
| January .. | 1,010 | 123 | 1,133 | 900 | 80.0 | 3,233 | 1,601 | 198.7 | 267.6 | 9,412 | 21,300 | 2,433 |
| February | 1,532 | 128 | 1,660 | 891 | | | | 180.1 | 244.0 | 8,587 | 20,336 | 3,636 |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Source : Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Includes lead content of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (d) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period. | Building Materials. | | | | | | | Cooking Stoves. | | | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | Clay Bricks. | Roofing Tiles. | | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) | |
| | | Terra-cotta. | Cement. | | | | | | | | |
| | Million. | '000. | '000. | '000 sq. yds. (d) | Million sup. ft. | '000 tons. | '000 sq. yds. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 .. | 53.1 | 2,630 | 326 | 522 | 53.6 | 60.0 | 567 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1937-38 .. | 57.4 | 3,023 | 430 | 678 | 62.2 | 71.0 | 619 | 4,562 | 3,481 | 749 | 1,257 |
| 1938-39 .. | 60.0 | 3,307 | 374 | 791 | 59.8 | 72.3 | 634 | 4,538 | 3,894 | 730 | 2,458 |
| 1951-52 .. | 60.0 | 4,072 | 5,540 | 1,944 | 116.0 | 103.1 | 1,373 | 5,975 | 4,251 | 4,240 | 16,066 |
| 1952-53 .. | 55.6 | 4,831 | 3,338 | 2,022 | 111.6 | 119.9 | 1,285 | 3,994 | 2,978 | 1,883 | 15,179 |
| 1953-54 .. | 66.8 | 5,315 | 3,721 | 2,174 | 116.7 | 141.7 | 1,349 | 4,198 | 3,587 | 3,098 | 22,874 |
| 1954-55 .. | 69.9 | 5,328 | 4,477 | 2,340 | 120.8 | 160.0 | 1,482 | 4,147 | 4,897 | 3,929 | 23,381 |
| 1955-56 .. | 70.0 | 5,392 | 4,483 | 2,208 | 121.2 | 169.6 | (e)1,510 | 3,942 | 4,753 | 3,984 | 20,617 |
| 1956-57 .. | 67.1 | 4,806 | 3,716 | 2,120 | 118.3 | 181.0 | 1,355 | 3,834 | 4,550 | 4,286 | 16,293 |
| 1957-58 p .. | 73.6 | 4,951 | 4,027 | 2,190 | 116.7 | 193.3 | 1,414 | 3,748 | 4,693 | 4,618 | 16,140 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January.. | 50.2 | 3,356 | 2,880 | 1,346 | 92.3 | 151.8 | 1,024 | 2,824 | 2,814 | 2,587 | 16,143 |
| February | 65.7 | 4,626 | 3,904 | 2,096 | 113.4 | 171.2 | 1,321 | 2,834 | 3,822 | 3,612 | 13,106 |
| March .. | 69.8 | 4,712 | 3,970 | 2,492 | 112.6 | 199.9 | 1,338 | 3,746 | 3,999 | 4,348 | 12,957 |
| April .. | 67.9 | 4,817 | 4,069 | 1,997 | 107.4 | 197.7 | 1,260 | 3,707 | 3,625 | 3,964 | 10,567 |
| May .. | 77.7 | 5,551 | 4,928 | 2,492 | 123.2 | 203.7 | 1,449 | 4,709 | 4,636 | 4,671 | 11,409 |
| June .. | 68.0 | 4,940 | 4,059 | 2,402 | 121.1 | 195.2 | 1,300 | 3,573 | 3,794 | 3,484 | 9,888 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 77.8 | 5,511 | 4,403 | 2,281 | 115.4 | 207.1 | 1,475 | 4,080 | 4,690 | 5,753 | 11,428 |
| August .. | 75.4 | 5,115 | 4,357 | 2,364 | 119.5 | 200.4 | 1,442 | 4,500 | 5,190 | 4,227 | 12,692 |
| September | 75.2 | 5,209 | 3,958 | 2,181 | 115.4 | 186.1 | 1,461 | 4,178 | 5,589 | 4,320 | 16,347 |
| October.. | 82.7 | 5,538 | 4,516 | 2,236 | 131.6 | 202.0 | 1,632 | 5,352 | 6,126 | 5,255 | 21,972 |
| November | 79.4 | 5,123 | 4,259 | 2,563 | 125.7 | 200.8 | 1,524 | 4,469 | 5,250 | 5,050 | 24,552 |
| December | 61.5 | 4,137 | 3,148 | 1,692 | 110.8 | 169.2 | 1,142 | 3,108 | 4,148 | 4,431 | 21,283 |
| January | 56.1 | 3,767 | 3,087 | 1,352 | 98.2 | 166.6 | 1,116 | 2,522 | 3,816 | 3,141 | 17,975 |
| February | 69.8 | 4,925 | 4,114 | 2,217 | 109.4 | 177.7 | 1,436 | 3,281 | 4,761 | 4,556 | 15,716 |
| March .. | 74.2 | 4,938 | 4,140 | 2,500 | 120.6 | 199.6 | 1,402 | 2,985 | 4,272 | 4,994 | 13,907 |
| April .. | 73.0 | 4,983 | 3,929 | 2,037 | 107.9 | 195.7 | 1,403 | 3,347 | 4,305 | 4,142 | 11,510 |
| May .. | 82.8 | 5,235 | 4,429 | 2,772 | 123.4 | 208.9 | 1,519 | 3,871 | 4,234 | 4,983 | 13,138 |
| June .. | 75.4 | 4,936 | 3,980 | 2,081 | 122.2 | 205.7 | 1,420 | 3,281 | 3,940 | 4,565 | 13,161 |
| 1958-59 p.. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 87.3 | 5,392 | 4,324 | 2,450 | 124.4 | 208.7 | r1,603 | 3,959 | 5,347 | 5,637 | r18,623 |
| August .. | 79.7 | 4,959 | 4,084 | 2,456 | 135.6 | 215.2 | r1,512 | 4,177 | 5,558 | 5,173 | r19,881 |
| September | 86.7 | 5,145 | 4,419 | 2,241 | 131.5 | 212.7 | r1,571 | 4,143 | 6,662 | 5,196 | r21,527 |
| October.. | r86.2 | r5,556 | 4,684 | 2,371 | 136.8 | 223.9 | r1,625 | 3,736 | 7,212 | 5,881 | r27,632 |
| November | r78.9 | r4,945 | 4,354 | 2,446 | 130.6 | 210.2 | r1,544 | 3,312 | 6,268 | 5,361 | r23,445 |
| December | 73.3 | 4,221 | 3,660 | 1,897 | 115.7 | 192.6 | r1,275 | 3,107 | 5,798 | 4,956 | r23,389 |
| January .. | 53.6 | 3,571 | 3,024 | 1,587 | | 158.7 | 1,098 | 2,105 | 3,838 | 3,375 | 13,725 |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955

represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period. | Cotton Textiles. | | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles. | | | Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| | Cotton Yarn. | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). | | Scoured and Carbonized Wool. | Yarn. | Woven Cloth. | |
| | '000 lb. | '000 sq. yds. | '000 sq. yds. | Million lb. | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 730 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.4 | 2.14 | 2.04 | 1,208 |
| 1937-38 | 965 | n.a. | n.a. | 7.9 | 2.51 | 2.47 | 1,176 |
| 1938-39 | 974 | n.a. | n.a. | 8.8 | 2.71 | 2.65 | 1,164 |
| 1951-52 | 2,872 | 2,617 | 905 | 10.1 | 3.04 | 2.42 | 1,586 |
| 1952-53 | 2,302 | 2,052 | 1,289 | 10.3 | 2.97 | 2.39 | 1,498 |
| 1953-54 | 3,175 | 2,678 | 1,686 | 11.4 | 3.83 | 2.73 | 1,706 |
| 1954-55 | 3,458 | 2,753 | 1,259 | 11.3 | 3.56 | 2.38 | 1,657 |
| 1955-56 | 3,379 | 3,222 | 1,308 | 12.1 | 3.60 | 2.33 | 1,651 |
| 1956-57 | 3,498 | 3,856 | 1,895 | 13.8 | 3.98 | 2.73 | 1,738 |
| 1957-58 p | 3,708 | 3,697 | 1,775 | 12.8 | 3.82 | 2.68 | 1,775 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,939 | 3,128 | 1,761 | 11.9 | 2.97 | 2.20 | 1,131 |
| February | 3,571 | 4,014 | 2,017 | 14.7 | 4.33 | 2.92 | 1,559 |
| March | 3,598 | 3,851 | 2,443 | 14.6 | 4.32 | 2.96 | 1,664 |
| April | 3,458 | 3,875 | 2,053 | 13.9 | 4.07 | 2.73 | 1,616 |
| May | 4,134 | 4,476 | 2,297 | 16.0 | 4.71 | 3.11 | 1,897 |
| June | 3,659 | 3,982 | 2,496 | 15.3 | 3.98 | 2.66 | 1,662 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,307 | 4,435 | 2,425 | 15.7 | 4.34 | 2.99 | 1,926 |
| August | 3,834 | 3,929 | 2,168 | 13.4 | 4.07 | 2.82 | 1,930 |
| September | 3,723 | 3,761 | 2,165 | 12.6 | 4.04 | 2.92 | 1,962 |
| October | 4,173 | 3,989 | 2,096 | 13.7 | 4.48 | 3.17 | 2,159 |
| November | 3,927 | 3,700 | 1,735 | 14.0 | 4.14 | 3.03 | 2,054 |
| December | 2,822 | 2,617 | 1,260 | 12.2 | 3.13 | 2.17 | 1,535 |
| January | 3,012 | 3,064 | 1,188 | 10.6 | 3.08 | 2.19 | 1,163 |
| February | 3,739 | 3,744 | 1,692 | 12.7 | 3.98 | 2.97 | 1,647 |
| March | 3,806 | 3,728 | 1,680 | 13.4 | 3.92 | 2.91 | 1,701 |
| April | 3,903 | 3,874 | 1,527 | 10.5 | 3.68 | 2.69 | 1,675 |
| May | 3,798 | 3,906 | 1,550 | 12.5 | 3.71 | 2.33 | 1,828 |
| June | 3,448 | 3,620 | 1,818 | 12.6 | 3.30 | 1.94 | 1,716 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,957 | 3,865 | 1,531 | 12.4 | 3.33 | 2.10 | 2,150 |
| August | 3,551 | 3,560 | 1,463 | 10.4 | 3.03 | 2.00 | 2,266 |
| September | 3,500 | 3,672 | 1,532 | 11.2 | 3.43 | 2.20 | 2,426 |
| October | 3,889 | 3,906 | 1,484 | 12.4 | 3.52 | 2.59 | 2,481 |
| November | 3,503 | 3,603 | 1,277 | 13.5 | 3.45 | 2.49 | 2,128 |
| December | 2,961 | 3,047 | 1,096 | 12.2 | 2.91 | 2.14 | 1,801 |
| January | 2,607 | 2,793 | 896 | 9.9 | 2.42 | 1.64 | 1,159 |

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—*continued.*

| Period. | Hosiery. | | | | Underwear.(a) | | Shirts, Men's and Boys'. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Men's. (b) | Women's, Fully Fash., and Circular. (c) | Children's. | Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear. | Men's, Youths, and Boys'. | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | |
| | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. | '000 doz. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 83.1 | 157.1 | (d)49.1 | (e) | 191.8 | | (f)60.6 |
| 1937-38 | 86.7 | 183.7 | (d)52.0 | (e) | 227.6 | | (f)69.9 |
| 1938-39 | 91.9 | 178.0 | (d)51.0 | (e) | 229.2 | | (f)56.2 |
| 1951-52 | 121.8 | 128.7 | } (g) { | 65.3 | 105.6 | 196.6 | 96.5 |
| 1952-53 | 131.2 | 156.4 | | 73.6 | 93.6 | 173.7 | 73.4 |
| 1953-54 | 157.9 | 179.1 | | 101.2 | 120.8 | 224.4 | 103.3 |
| 1954-55 | 138.7 | 201.8 | | 93.9 | 119.6 | 235.4 | 117.5 |
| 1955-56 | 130.0 | 192.0 | | 88.6 | 130.3 | 234.4 | 109.1 |
| 1956-57 | 120.9 | 237.0 | 67.1 | (h) 9.2 | 139.8 | 244.3 | 118.8 |
| 1957-58 p.. .. | 122.6 | 209.1 | 60.5 | (h) 8.6 | 150.6 | 240.7 | 127.6 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57 p— | | | | (h) | | | |
| January | 78.8 | 174.3 | 45.8 | 5.5 | 101.2 | 172.5 | 59.2 |
| February | 116.8 | 242.8 | 70.7 | 8.3 | 145.9 | 261.2 | 100.5 |
| March | 123.5 | 248.0 | 70.3 | 7.5 | 141.8 | 247.1 | 96.1 |
| April | 117.0 | 222.6 | 61.3 | 8.1 | 121.4 | 211.2 | 99.3 |
| May | 130.9 | 251.9 | 69.1 | 8.8 | 148.4 | 243.1 | 122.3 |
| June | 114.4 | 226.0 | 59.0 | 8.8 | 125.1 | 211.6 | 109.9 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 127.3 | 247.6 | 65.0 | 10.1 | 151.1 | 252.2 | 155.7 |
| August | 131.2 | 225.9 | 63.9 | 7.9 | 165.3 | 242.8 | 154.1 |
| September | 127.9 | 203.9 | 63.0 | 8.5 | 161.6 | 241.0 | 158.5 |
| October | 145.1 | 233.4 | 63.8 | 11.6 | 182.3 | 284.3 | 176.7 |
| November | 145.9 | 227.0 | 61.8 | 9.9 | 159.5 | 276.0 | 156.5 |
| December | 107.6 | 180.5 | 45.2 | 10.3 | 132.4 | 226.2 | 115.7 |
| January | 79.5 | 142.2 | 41.5 | 6.1 | 102.8 | 173.3 | 61.7 |
| February | 125.1 | 204.6 | 66.2 | 7.4 | 153.3 | 253.7 | 102.8 |
| March | 120.3 | 203.9 | 63.4 | 7.8 | 153.6 | 243.7 | 97.0 |
| April | 113.8 | 191.8 | 61.0 | 7.8 | 153.5 | 239.0 | 100.7 |
| May | 131.6 | 229.4 | 67.0 | 8.5 | 150.0 | 238.1 | 123.5 |
| June | 116.1 | 219.4 | 63.9 | 7.1 | 142.0 | 218.0 | 128.2 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | |
| July | 118.0 | 247.5 | 71.2 | 8.4 | r179.2 | r273.0 | 167.3 |
| August | 111.1 | 237.4 | 70.6 | 8.8 | r156.9 | r248.9 | 156.1 |
| September | 123.6 | 245.2 | 73.2 | 7.6 | r171.4 | r266.7 | 176.4 |
| October | 126.8 | 268.1 | 70.0 | 7.3 | r181.9 | r299.2 | 174.2 |
| November | 117.2 | 228.6 | 59.8 | 6.1 | r162.1 | r294.7 | 153.1 |
| December | 90.9 | 185.0 | 57.7 | 6.4 | 146.7 | r246.5 | 120.4 |
| January | 65.1 | 135.5 | 36.7 | 4.2 | 92.1 | 160.1 | 59.7 |

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period. | Wheaten Flour. | Refined Sugar. | Whole Milk for All Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). | | | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) | | | | | Beer. |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Butter. | Cheese. | Processed Full Cream Milk Products. | Beef (including Veal). | Mutton. | Lamb. | Total Pigmeats (as Pork). | Total. (b) | |
| | '000 short tons. | '000 tons. | Million gals. | Tons. | Tons. | '000 gals.(c) | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 gals. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 102.4 | 27.0 | 89.9 | 13,908 | 1,636 | n.a. | 45.9 | 16.0 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 79.6 | 6,261 |
| 1937-38 | 104.2 | 28.9 | 96.4 | 15,242 | 2,018 | n.a. | 49.7 | 17.2 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 84.0 | 7,084 |
| 1938-39 | 114.4 | 28.2 | 99.2 | 16,232 | 2,415 | 2,781 | 46.6 | 17.1 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 80.5 | 7,523 |
| 1951-52 | 143.4 | 41.1 | 87.3 | 10,931 | 3,382 | 6,375 | 48.5 | 14.6 | 8.9 | 7.1 | 79.1 | 15,398 |
| 1952-53 | 143.9 | 36.7 | 101.3 | 13,632 | 3,883 | 6,971 | 56.2 | 20.8 | 12.2 | 6.9 | 96.1 | 16,446 |
| 1953-54 | 134.1 | 37.4 | 99.1 | 13,010 | 4,087 | 6,333 | 58.7 | 19.8 | 10.6 | 7.0 | 96.1 | 17,380 |
| 1954-55 | 129.4 | 40.1 | 110.5 | 15,667 | 3,765 | 5,364 | 60.0 | 20.0 | 12.3 | 8.3 | 100.6 | 18,473 |
| 1955-56 | 130.9 | 41.0 | 116.8 | 17,149 | 3,223 | 5,944 | 62.6 | 19.5 | 12.1 | 7.8 | 102.0 | 18,958 |
| 1956-57 ^p | 138.1 | 40.0 | 113.2 | 15,820 | 3,764 | 6,510 | 67.9 | 18.6 | 11.9 | 7.4 | 105.8 | 18,793 ^p |
| 1957-58 ^p | 112.6 | 42.9 | 105.1 | 14,387 | 2,905 | 6,406 | 64.7 | 21.8 | 12.5 | 8.1 | 107.1 | 19,450 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | ^p | | | | | | | | | | | ^p |
| Jan. .. | 140.0 | 35.8 | 146.4 | 22,166 | 4,567 | 8,691 | 55.2 | 20.0 | 12.2 | 6.0 | 93.4 | 21,089 |
| Feb. .. | 135.0 | 37.6 | 113.3 | 16,332 | 3,078 | 6,498 | 59.4 | 19.9 | 10.2 | 6.6 | 96.1 | 18,215 |
| Mar. .. | 138.9 | 42.6 | 103.3 | 14,158 | 2,721 | 5,569 | 69.0 | 20.0 | 10.5 | 7.1 | 106.6 | 18,313 |
| Apr. .. | 116.1 | ^p 36.3 | 82.2 | 10,523 | 1,902 | 3,968 | 64.0 | 18.5 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 99.3 | 17,595 |
| May .. | 136.5 | ^p 41.6 | 68.3 | 7,727 | 1,601 | 3,196 | 84.5 | 20.7 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 124.9 | 17,693 |
| June .. | 127.5 | ^p 39.1 | 58.9 | 5,899 | 1,539 | 2,838 | 82.5 | 18.9 | 10.3 | 7.2 | 118.9 | 14,849 |
| 1957-58 ^p — | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 138.5 | 40.8 | 68.9 | 7,569 | 2,023 | 3,471 | 82.6 | 17.6 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 116.7 | 16,644 |
| Aug. .. | 139.5 | 41.7 | 89.7 | 11,257 | 2,925 | 5,514 | 74.1 | 16.7 | 9.0 | 7.4 | 107.2 | 15,635 |
| Sept. .. | 123.5 | 43.9 | 120.8 | 16,851 | 4,268 | 8,251 | 64.5 | 19.2 | 11.8 | 7.3 | 102.8 | 19,637 |
| Oct. .. | 130.2 | 45.5 | 145.6 | 21,181 | 5,179 | 10,217 | 64.4 | 24.4 | 19.0 | 8.3 | 116.1 | 22,230 |
| Nov. .. | 130.6 | 45.4 | 152.9 | 22,953 | 4,783 | 10,346 | 52.1 | 24.6 | 20.0 | 8.8 | 105.5 | 23,145 |
| Dec. .. | 113.2 | 41.2 | 139.4 | 20,699 | 3,851 | 9,360 | 49.7 | 25.4 | 16.9 | 10.9 | 102.9 | 25,095 |
| Jan. .. | 105.4 | 39.1 | 120.2 | 17,385 | 2,903 | 7,730 | 53.8 | 25.9 | 12.0 | 7.3 | 99.0 | 21,172 |
| Feb. .. | 94.2 | 43.4 | 104.9 | 14,927 | 2,217 | 6,065 | 50.3 | 25.6 | 10.5 | 7.3 | 93.7 | 18,574 |
| Mar. .. | 93.9 | 49.1 | 103.9 | 14,611 | 2,004 | 5,379 | 57.8 | 22.4 | 10.4 | 8.1 | 98.7 | 20,065 |
| Apr. .. | 84.9 | 40.0 | 81.6 | 10,509 | 1,557 | 4,004 | 62.6 | 20.7 | 10.2 | 8.2 | 101.7 | 18,008 |
| May .. | 101.0 | 44.9 | 69.0 | 7,846 | 1,495 | 3,322 | 80.1 | 20.9 | 10.5 | 8.7 | 120.2 | 17,701 |
| June .. | 96.5 | 40.0 | 64.2 | 6,859 | 1,658 | 3,216 | 85.3 | 17.9 | 10.6 | 8.1 | 121.9 | 15,495 |
| 1958-59 ^p | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 108.8 | 41.6 | 71.7 | 7,934 | 2,189 | 3,672 | 87.0 | 21.1 | 12.5 | 8.4 | 129.0 | 16,446 |
| August | 115.1 | 44.7 | 91.7 | 11,409 | 3,203 | 5,435 | 75.4 | 19.6 | 11.3 | 8.0 | 114.3 | 16,699 |
| Sept. .. | 112.0 | 45.8 | 124.6 | 17,529 | 4,407 | 7,980 | 75.5 | 21.2 | 13.4 | 8.6 | 118.7 | 18,992 |
| Oct. .. | 112.1 | 45.1 | 156.3 | 23,277 | 5,580 | 9,821 | 78.3 | 26.2 | 22.5 | 8.9 | 135.9 | 21,700 |
| Nov. .. | 116.9 | 47.3 | 154.2 | 22,846 | 5,393 | 9,979 | 72.5 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 8.9 | 131.8 | 22,163 |
| Dec. .. | 104.7 | 40.5 | 160.1 | 24,507 | 4,885 | 9,965 | 70.3 | 28.4 | 20.8 | 11.7 | 131.1 | 24,997 |
| Jan. .. | 112.4 | 42.6 | 148.0 | 22,502 | 4,421 | 8,122 | 59.8 | 27.2 | 12.9 | 7.0 | 106.9 | 19,724 |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period. | Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. | Chemicals and Allied Products. | | | | Motor Bodies.(a) | | | Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | Sulphuric Acid (100%). | Super- phosphate. | Paints. | | Sedans and Coupes. | Tourers and Roadsters. | Utilities. | |
| | | | | Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels. | Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose. | | | | |
| | | '000 tons. | '000 tons. | '000 gals. | '000 gals. | No. | No. | No. | '000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | 1,805 | 36.4 | 90.9 | n.a. | n.a. | 3,660 | 478 | 610 | n.a. |
| 1937-38 | 1,904 | 41.3 | 102.8 | 209 | 60 | 4,032 | 804 | 518 | n.a. |
| 1938-39 | 1,939 | 40.8 | 100.0 | 224 | 48 | 3,426 | 816 | 715 | n.a. |
| 1951-52 | 2,795 | 54.2 | 133.1 | 633 | 99 | 3,486 | 390 | 1,865 | 213 |
| 1952-53 | 3,029 | 52.3 | 131.7 | 534 | 84 | 4,133 | | 1,745 | 141 |
| 1953-54 | 3,487 | 61.0 | 147.6 | 657 | 109 | 5,514 | | 2,088 | 241 |
| 1954-55 | 3,706 | 69.6 | 163.4 | 812 | 123 | 6,002 | | 2,245 | 293 |
| 1955-56 | 3,842 | 74.7 | 177.2 | 890 | 125 | 6,912 | | 2,030 | 303 |
| 1956-57 | 4,129 | 73.2 | 164.6 | 906 | 121 | 6,226 | | 1,804 | 287 |
| 1957-58 p.. .. | (b)4,201 | 82.5 | 185.0 | 930 | 131 | 8,134 | | 2,403 | 304 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57 p— | (b) | | | | | | | | |
| January | 4,071 | 69.8 | 167.8 | 747 | 101 | 5,053 | | 967 | 205 |
| February | 4,147 | 82.1 | 200.8 | 944 | 127 | 6,693 | | 2,271 | 292 |
| March | 4,074 | 88.8 | 199.5 | 973 | 146 | 7,971 | | 2,124 | 274 |
| April | 3,953 | 85.8 | 191.9 | 900 | 127 | 6,248 | | 1,855 | 281 |
| May | 4,612 | 87.5 | 223.8 | 971 | 143 | 7,486 | | 2,312 | 335 |
| June | 3,892 | 78.9 | 189.1 | 721 | 112 | 6,492 | | 1,959 | 258 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,914 | 80.7 | 178.2 | 831 | 126 | 8,429 | | 2,280 | 335 |
| August | 3,770 | 88.0 | 195.9 | 931 | 129 | 8,235 | | 2,170 | 277 |
| September | 4,039 | 72.7 | 155.0 | 1,059 | 133 | 8,010 | | 2,371 | 330 |
| October | 4,523 | 71.6 | 167.2 | 1,047 | 139 | 8,788 | | 2,654 | 333 |
| November | 4,472 | 81.5 | 172.4 | 1,093 | 140 | 8,727 | | 2,583 | 293 |
| December | 4,567 | 77.1 | 163.0 | 912 | 109 | 6,107 | | 1,935 | 234 |
| January | 4,283 | 78.5 | 182.7 | 783 | 114 | 6,344 | | 1,891 | 232 |
| February | 4,162 | 82.3 | 194.0 | 960 | 127 | 8,604 | | 2,676 | 306 |
| March | 4,248 | 87.3 | 195.3 | 953 | 148 | 8,809 | | 2,632 | 330 |
| April | 4,126 | 90.2 | 221.9 | 844 | 132 | 8,036 | | 2,318 | 306 |
| May | 4,328 | 96.5 | 201.6 | 933 | 154 | 8,973 | | 2,759 | 358 |
| June | 3,982 | 83.0 | 192.3 | 817 | 116 | 8,543 | | 2,562 | 314 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | (c) | | | |
| July | 4,219 | 78.5 | 167.2 | 888 | r135 | 11,212 | | 2,769 | 379 |
| August | 4,175 | 94.0 | 197.9 | r942 | 137 | 9,951 | | 2,371 | 342 |
| September | 4,397 | 79.8 | 167.7 | 1,085 | 131 | 10,484 | | 2,268 | 355 |
| October | 4,441 | 73.8 | 171.6 | 1,119 | r152 | 10,719 | | 2,413 | 367 |
| November | 4,332 | 78.5 | 165.7 | 1,080 | 138 | 9,723 | | 2,134 | 318 |
| December | 5,039 | 64.4 | 136.5 | 1,023 | 122 | 8,613 | | 1,856 | 294 |
| January | 3,961 | 77.2 | 168.3 | 705 | 94 | 7,095 | | 1,400 | 203 |

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.
July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

(b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(c) From

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

| Period. | Belgium. (a) | Canada. (a) | Denmark. (a) | France. (a) | Germany West. (a) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether- lands. | Norway. (a) | Sweden. (a) | United King- dom. (a) (b) | U.S.A. (a) (c) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1952 | 101 | 94 | 96 | 99 | 91 | 93 | 82 | 91 | 95 | 99 | 94 | 93 |
| 1953 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1954 | 106 | r100 | 109 | 110 | 112 | 109 | 108 | 110 | 109 | 104 | 107 | 93 |
| 1955 | 116 | r110 | 111 | 120 | 129 | 119 | 117 | 118 | 117 | 111 | 113 | 104 |
| 1956 | 122 | r120 | 114 | 133 | 139 | 128 | 144 | 123 | 122 | 115 | 113 | 107 |
| 1957 | 123 | r120 | r120 | 145 | 147 | 138 | 167 | 126 | 126 | 118 | 115 | 107 |
| 1958 | 115 | 117 | 120 | 153 | 152 | 141 | 169 | 126 | 122 | 118 | 114 | 100 |
| 1956— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December .. | 123 | r118 | 116 | 145 | 142 | 128 | 157 | 117 | 121 | 123 | 110 | 107 |
| 1957— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 123 | r115 | r121 | 140 | 137 | 135 | 146 | 127 | 127 | 119 | 114 | 108 |
| February .. | 128 | r119 | r127 | 144 | 142 | 129 | 164 | 119 | 144 | 123 | 118 | 110 |
| March .. | 129 | r120 | r129 | 145 | 140 | 140 | 177 | 127 | 134 | 123 | 120 | 110 |
| April .. | 131 | r121 | r127 | 146 | 149 | 139 | 169 | 125 | 117 | 126 | 111 | 108 |
| May .. | 132 | r122 | r127 | 151 | 152 | 143 | 176 | 136 | 126 | 126 | 120 | 107 |
| June .. | 121 | r126 | r125 | 150 | 148 | 136 | 172 | 125 | 131 | 125 | 117 | 108 |
| July .. | 91 | r120 | r83 | 134 | 140 | 147 | 174 | 128 | 88 | 63 | 107 | 101 |
| August .. | 117 | r121 | r123 | 100 | 138 | 116 | 165 | 122 | 125 | 116 | 99 | 108 |
| September .. | 126 | r123 | r127 | 148 | 151 | 143 | 166 | 124 | 136 | 125 | 119 | 109 |
| October .. | 126 | r121 | r124 | 150 | 154 | 146 | 165 | 133 | 134 | 125 | 120 | 109 |
| November .. | 125 | r121 | r123 | 158 | 162 | 140 | 164 | 128 | 135 | 125 | 123 | 106 |
| December .. | 121 | r111 | r116 | 162 | 151 | 139 | 167 | 116 | 119 | 125 | 113 | 100 |
| 1958— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 119 | r111 | r120 | 158 | 144 | 140 | 154 | 122 | 123 | 122 | 114 | 99 |
| February .. | 121 | r115 | r124 | 162 | 145 | 131 | 167 | r113 | 135 | 124 | 120 | 98 |
| March .. | 119 | r116 | r125 | 160 | 146 | 141 | 179 | 124 | 131 | 125 | 122 | 96 |
| April .. | 117 | r114 | r123 | 164 | 153 | 137 | 163 | 124 | 116 | 127 | 111 | 95 |
| May .. | 115 | r119 | r121 | 166 | 151 | 144 | 163 | 128 | 115 | 125 | 114 | 95 |
| June .. | 113 | r123 | r124 | 161 | 153 | 139 | 162 | 130 | 131 | 125 | 115 | 99 |
| July .. | r101 | r116 | r81 | 147 | 145 | 149 | 165 | 126 | 84 | 61 | r105 | 94 |
| August .. | 107 | r116 | r121 | 102 | 142 | r113 | 164 | r121 | 121 | 117 | 96 | 101 |
| September .. | r118 | r120 | r129 | 149 | 155 | 149 | 170 | 131 | 130 | 122 | 115 | 104 |
| October .. | r118 | r120 | r130 | 155 | 161 | 155 | 176 | r142 | 133 | 125 | r119 | 107 |
| November .. | 116 | r123 | r130 | 161 | r168 | 143 | 175 | r128 | 136 | 129 | 122 | 107 |
| December .. | 117 | 115 | 121 | 157 | 155 | 145 | 186 | 126 | 120 | 123 | 114 | 104 |
| 1959— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | | | 123 | 154 | 144 | | | 125 | 123 | | 115 | 106 |
| February .. | | | | | | | | | | | | 108 |

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

| Period. | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. | | | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| | Motor Cars.(a) | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars. (a) | Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a) | Motor Cycles. |
| | '000. | '000. | '000. | Monthly Averages. | | |
| 1948-49(b) .. | 655 | 450 | 117 | 5,539 | (c)3,056 | 1,852 |
| 1949-50(b) .. | 768 | 499 | 134 | 9,584 | (c)4,829 | 2,232 |
| 1950-51(b) .. | 882 | 548 | 145 | 10,671 | 6,461 | 2,263 |
| 1951-52(b) .. | 1,031 | 581 | 154 | 10,480 | 6,085 | 1,846 |
| 1952-53(b) .. | 1,108 | 579 | 148 | 7,773 | 4,337 | 941 |
| 1953-54 .. | 1,200 | 607 | 141 | 10,466 | 4,783 | 905 |
| 1954-55 .. | 1,347 | 650 | 133 | 13,900 | 5,598 | 941 |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,472 | 679 | 126 | 13,644 | 5,766 | 878 |
| 1956-57 .. | 1,565 | 707 | 120 | 12,481 | 4,916 | 805 |
| 1957-58 .. | 1,676 | 735 | 116 | 13,770 | 5,595 | 884 |
| 1956-57— | | | | Monthly Totals. | | |
| February .. | 1,543 | 697 | 123 | (d)12,099 | (d)3,319 | (d)903 |
| March .. | 1,551 | 699 | 122 | 12,090 | 5,290 | 906 |
| April .. | 1,557 | 700 | 122 | 11,344 | 4,737 | 761 |
| May .. | 1,564 | 702 | 121 | 14,550 | 5,751 | 872 |
| June .. | 1,565 | 707 | 120 | 12,337 | 5,314 | 744 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,577 | 710 | 119 | 12,994 | 5,280 | 690 |
| August .. | 1,583 | 711 | 119 | 11,852 | 5,369 | 776 |
| September .. | 1,594 | 714 | 118 | 13,423 | 5,371 | 816 |
| October .. | 1,602 | 716 | 118 | 15,321 | 6,115 | 884 |
| November .. | 1,605 | 717 | 118 | 14,645 | 5,725 | 892 |
| December .. | 1,625 | 723 | 118 | 14,813 | 5,379 | 952 |
| January .. | 1,628 | 722 | 118 | 11,145 | 4,630 | 1,283 |
| February .. | 1,637 | 725 | 118 | 13,926 | 5,529 | 989 |
| March .. | 1,646 | 728 | 118 | 13,678 | 6,140 | 1,035 |
| April .. | 1,664 | 733 | 118 | 15,410 | 6,214 | 861 |
| May .. | 1,671 | 734 | 117 | 15,237 | 6,003 | 781 |
| June .. | 1,676 | 735 | 116 | 12,820 | 5,357 | 655 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | |
| July .. | 1,688 | 736 | 116 | 13,906 | 6,106 | 652 |
| August .. | 1,694 | 738 | 115 | 13,561 | 5,505 | 770 |
| September .. | 1,703 | 740 | 115 | 14,741 | 5,929 | 911 |
| October .. | 1,720 | 744 | 115 | 16,084 | 6,453 | 888 |
| November .. | 1,728 | 748 | 115 | 14,817 | 6,154 | 856 |
| December .. | 1,739 | 752 | 115 | 15,930 | 6,576 | 1,007 |
| January .. | 1,744 | 754 | 114 | r12,431 | r5,082 | r904 |
| February .. | 1,751 | 755 | 114 | r13,525 | r5,879 | r841 |

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

| Period. | Revenue Train-Miles. | Goods and Livestock.(a) | | Passenger Journeys. | Revenue. | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|
| | | Tons Carried. | Net Ton- miles.(b) | | Gross. | Net. |
| | '000. | '000. | Million. | '000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | |
| 1948-49 | 7,690 | 3,428 | 517.7 | 42,225 | 7,165 | 85 |
| 1949-50 | 7,785 | 3,362 | 516.9 | 42,054 | 7,683 | —205 |
| 1950-51 | 7,390 | 3,392 | 523.1 | 39,674 | 8,804 | —594 |
| 1951-52 | 7,780 | 3,672 | 562.9 | 41,707 | 11,626 | —721 |
| 1952-53 | 7,394 | 3,644 | 547.8 | 41,468 | 12,903 | —560 |
| 1953-54 | 7,789 | 3,880 | 579.4 | 42,557 | 14,155 | 140 |
| 1954-55 | 7,911 | 3,951 | 608.0 | 43,071 | 14,498 | 124 |
| 1955-56 | 8,020 | 3,875 | 606.1 | 42,895 | 14,765 | —659 |
| 1956-57 | 7,924 | 3,956 | 614.1 | 41,626 | 15,737 | —376 |
| 1957-58 | 7,552 | 3,745 | 565.5 | 41,191 | 14,928 | —493 |
| Monthly Total—(c) | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | |
| November | 8,131 | 4,219 | 641.2 | 40,735 | 16,712 | —248 |
| December | 7,732 | 3,419 | 560.6 | 40,711 | 14,552 | —1,228 |
| January | 7,902 | 3,534 | 586.5 | 39,933 | 15,027 | —62 |
| February | 7,264 | 3,750 | 591.6 | 41,026 | 14,585 | —459 |
| March | 7,886 | 3,789 | 624.0 | 41,497 | 15,347 | —89 |
| April | 7,503 | 3,676 | 594.7 | 42,343 | 15,220 | —31 |
| May | 8,153 | 4,057 | 667.2 | 41,604 | 16,569 | —385 |
| June | 7,570 | 3,588 | 579.3 | 40,988 | 14,454 | —2,027 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | |
| July | 8,020 | 4,095 | 613.8 | 43,558 | 15,703 | —134 |
| August | 7,996 | 4,091 | 600.6 | 39,681 | 15,763 | —88 |
| September | 7,613 | 3,959 | 578.8 | 43,923 | 15,810 | 285 |
| October | 8,005 | 4,244 | 620.0 | 40,400 | 16,484 | 580 |
| November | 7,613 | 3,890 | 585.9 | 39,718 | 15,176 | —1,007 |
| December | 7,285 | 3,231 | 498.8 | 40,081 | 13,887 | —1,118 |
| January | 7,262 | 3,186 | 494.3 | 38,577 | 13,676 | —808 |
| February | 6,852 | 3,456 | 525.9 | 40,325 | 13,364 | —881 |
| March | 7,589 | 3,762 | 591.2 | 43,621 | 15,026 | 113 |
| April | 7,292 | 3,541 | 543.4 | 39,705 | 14,163 | —342 |
| May | 7,837 | 3,863 | 594.0 | 42,898 | 15,227 | —1,009 |
| June | 7,265 | 3,627 | 538.8 | 41,802 | 14,856 | 1,505 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | |
| July | 7,835 | 4,187 | 603.2 | 41,206 | 15,271 | 252 |
| August | 7,689 | 3,901 | 579.0 | 40,225 | 15,233 | 81 |
| September | 7,642 | 4,045 | 593.3 | 43,480 | 15,914 | 813 |
| October | 7,976 | 4,261 | 620.2 | 39,444 | 16,422 | 833 |
| November | 7,514 | 3,842 | 586.9 | 39,206 | 15,087 | —731 |

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.
(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

| Period. | Oversea Cargo. | | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49.. .. | 452 | 487 | 257 | 41 | 32 | 152 | 5 | 32 | 519 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 422 | 641 | 233 | 37 | 30 | 198 | 5 | 32 | 535 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 450 | 757 | 232 | 37 | 36 | 222 | 5 | 28 | 560 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 374 | 810 | 280 | 37 | 45 | 238 | 11 | 29 | 641 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 504 | 644 | 285 | 34 | 53 | 247 | 52 | 33 | 704 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 479 | 711 | 307 | 39 | 36 | 287 | 54 | 35 | 758 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 507 | 916 | 302 | 74 | 43 | 318 | 73 | 41 | 851 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 555 | 1,036 | 293 | 99 | 47 | 350 | 137 | 43 | 969 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 728 | 1,050 | 309 | 97 | 60 | 378 | 116 | 32 | 992 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 614 | 1,143 | 324 | 114 | 56 | 364 | 148 | 45 | 1,051 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 796 | 1,119 | 257 | 82 | 65 | 418 | 124 | 30 | 976 |
| February | 751 | 953 | 246 | 135 | 60 | 357 | 122 | 25 | 945 |
| March | 861 | 1,005 | 282 | 92 | 56 | 428 | 129 | 25 | 1,012 |
| April | 597 | 1,049 | 260 | 84 | 47 | 359 | 120 | 28 | 899 |
| May | 666 | 1,302 | 417 | 143 | 37 | 353 | 109 | 32 | 1,091 |
| June | 601 | 954 | 319 | 51 | 52 | 283 | 98 | 36 | 839 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 665 | 1,256 | 317 | 135 | 61 | 347 | 96 | 41 | 997 |
| August | 732 | 1,126 | 337 | 75 | 78 | 355 | 117 | 35 | 997 |
| September | 732 | 1,029 | 348 | 116 | 79 | 356 | 115 | 41 | 1,055 |
| October | 711 | 1,020 | 385 | 137 | 85 | 376 | 148 | 40 | 1,171 |
| November | 657 | 985 | 327 | 124 | 59 | 376 | 112 | 37 | 1,035 |
| December | 613 | 1,008 | 329 | 88 | 52 | 364 | 185 | 49 | 1,067 |
| January | 606 | 1,247 | 309 | 109 | 42 | 358 | 186 | 49 | 1,053 |
| February | 488 | 1,139 | 280 | 111 | 48 | 334 | 139 | 34 | 946 |
| March | 515 | 1,280 | 285 | 134 | 51 | 380 | 189 | 43 | 1,082 |
| April | 458 | 1,178 | 293 | 107 | 40 | 353 | 141 | 58 | 992 |
| May | 646 | 1,336 | 347 | 97 | 50 | 390 | 191 | 58 | 1,133 |
| June | 540 | 1,116 | 330 | 139 | 24 | 381 | 156 | 54 | 1,084 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 659 | 1,263 | 391 | 109 | 66 | 376 | 128 | 86 | 1,156 |
| August | 680 | 1,108 | 335 | 91 | 73 | 381 | 121 | 58 | 1,060 |
| September | 652 | 1,046 | 325 | 134 | 63 | 294 | 127 | 51 | 994 |
| October | 653 | 1,301 | 356 | 63 | 70 | 359 | 114 | 52 | 1,014 |
| November | 632 | 1,123 | 329 | 76 | 73 | 392 | 147 | 38 | 1,056 |
| December | 743 | 1,347 | 269 | 120 | 39 | 353 | 146 | 49 | 976 |
| January | 828 | 1,254 | 285 | 78 | 23 | 337 | 173 | 49 | 945 |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

| Period. | Oversea Cargo. | | Interstate Cargo Shipped from— | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Shipped from Australian Ports. | Discharged at Australian Ports. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (b) |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1948-49.. .. | 114 | 214 | 29 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 6 | 18 | 98 |
| 1949-50.. .. | 116 | 298 | 25 | 21 | 11 | 17 | 7 | 20 | 101 |
| 1950-51.. .. | 108 | 333 | 27 | 20 | 10 | 20 | 6 | 27 | 110 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 103 | 391 | 32 | 25 | 9 | 17 | 6 | 21 | 110 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 121 | 161 | 31 | 22 | 8 | 17 | 9 | 19 | 106 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 113 | 234 | 36 | 35 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 20 | 128 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 118 | 284 | 34 | 35 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 20 | 123 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 129 | 285 | 24 | 31 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 27 | 111 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 115 | 229 | 20 | 32 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 33 | 108 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 124 | 243 | 21 | 30 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 24 | 96 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| January .. | 82 | 249 | 13 | 29 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 31 | 91 |
| February .. | 83 | 156 | 17 | 29 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 107 |
| March .. | 145 | 221 | 27 | 40 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 33 | 124 |
| April .. | 173 | 238 | 19 | 36 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 39 | 114 |
| May .. | 172 | 219 | 20 | 39 | 6 | 12 | 7 | 37 | 121 |
| June .. | 103 | 183 | 17 | 32 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 32 | 102 |
| 1957-58 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 124 | 264 | 18 | 31 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 104 |
| August .. | 111 | 238 | 21 | 23 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 26 | 90 |
| September .. | 117 | 196 | 25 | 37 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 31 | 117 |
| October .. | 97 | 272 | 21 | 32 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 32 | 105 |
| November .. | 134 | 234 | 15 | 41 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 26 | 113 |
| December .. | 111 | 237 | 56 | 29 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 110 |
| January .. | 80 | 261 | 17 | 26 | 4 | 19 | 6 | 10 | 82 |
| February .. | 71 | 215 | 16 | 25 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 29 | 93 |
| March .. | 121 | 254 | 17 | 34 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 91 |
| April .. | 182 | 222 | 14 | 28 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 19 | 77 |
| May .. | 210 | 269 | 15 | 31 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 21 | 86 |
| June .. | 131 | 254 | 19 | 27 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 88 |
| 1958-59 p— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 140 | 196 | 22 | 30 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 80 |
| August .. | 102 | 282 | 19 | 29 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 18 | 82 |
| September .. | 123 | 221 | 17 | 18 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 23 | 77 |
| October .. | 111 | 230 | 19 | 45 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 101 |
| November .. | 113 | 218 | 32 | 39 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 107 |
| December .. | 101 | 224 | 14 | 30 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 76 |
| January .. | 78 | 249 | 15 | 28 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 73 |

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period. | Receipts of P.M.C.'s Department at end of period.(a) | Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period. | Television Viewers' Licences in force at end of period. | Telephone Services connected at end of period. | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | Lines. | Instruments. |
| | £'000. | '000. | '000. | '000. | '000. |
| Monthly Average. | | | | | |
| 1948-49 | 2,776 | (b) 1,763 | .. | 734 | 1,028 |
| 1949-50 | 3,196 | (b) 1,841 | .. | 793 | 1,110 |
| 1950-51 | 3,732 | (b) 1,885 | .. | 864 | 1,209 |
| 1951-52 | 4,948 | 1,961 | .. | 927 | 1,301 |
| 1952-53 | 5,367 | 1,986 | .. | 985 | 1,384 |
| 1953-54 | 5,650 | 2,042 | .. | 1,050 | 1,476 |
| 1954-55 | 6,069 | 2,035 | .. | 1,127 | 1,587 |
| 1955-56 | 6,612 | 2,089 | .. | 1,207 | 1,704 |
| 1956-57 | 7,519 | 2,107 | (c) 74 | 1,279 | 1,814 |
| 1957-58 | 8,065 | 2,138 | 291 | 1,362 | 1,937 |
| Monthly Total. | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | |
| February | 7,312 | 2,102 | 28 | 1,255 | 1,777 |
| March | 8,020 | 2,111 | 34 | 1,260 | 1,786 |
| April | 7,539 | 2,108 | 42 | 1,266 | 1,795 |
| May | 8,457 | 2,111 | 57 | 1,272 | 1,804 |
| June | 8,962 | 2,107 | 74 | 1,279 | 1,814 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | |
| July | 7,423 | 2,113 | 90 | 1,284 | 1,823 |
| August | 7,532 | 2,117 | 106 | 1,290 | 1,833 |
| September | 7,503 | 2,123 | 120 | 1,296 | 1,843 |
| October | 8,563 | 2,112 | 133 | 1,303 | 1,853 |
| November | 7,510 | 2,140 | 151 | 1,311 | 1,863 |
| December | 8,623 | 2,142 | 167 | 1,319 | 1,874 |
| January | 8,469 | 2,141 | 178 | 1,325 | 1,883 |
| February | r7,565 | 2,145 | 200 | 1,331 | 1,892 |
| March | r8,154 | 2,135 | 220 | 1,337 | 1,901 |
| April | 7,906 | 2,135 | 239 | 1,343 | 1,910 |
| May | 8,482 | 2,138 | 262 | 1,351 | 1,922 |
| June | 9,046 | 2,138 | 291 | 1,362 | 1,937 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | |
| July | 8,449 | 2,147 | 328 | 1,369 | 1,948 |
| August | 7,661 | 2,146 | 358 | 1,376 | 1,958 |
| September | 8,512 | 2,172 | 390 | 1,383 | 1,968 |
| October | 9,299 | 2,201 | 415 | 1,391 | 1,979 |
| November | 7,784 | 2,195 | 433 | 1,398 | 1,989 |
| December | 9,714 | 2,210 | 455 | 1,404 | 1,999 |
| January | 7,872 | 2,210 | 468 | 1,410 | 2,006 |
| February | 7,823 | 2,211 | 484 | 1,416 | 2,017 |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956 but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

| Period. | Notes on Issue. | | | Special Accounts of Trading Banks. | Other Deposits of Trading Banks. | Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves). | Gold and Balances held Abroad. | Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills). |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Held by Banks. | Held by Public. | Total. | | | | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52.. .. | 38.1 | 255.5 | 293.6 | 468.8 | 31.1 | 270.9 | 470.6 | 503.1 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 36.9 | 281.3 | 318.2 | 212.9 | 45.4 | 287.4 | 363.6 | 434.8 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 38.5 | 299.7 | 338.2 | (a) 306.8 | 41.7 | 283.4 | 512.6 | 408.0 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 40.9 | 316.1 | 357.0 | 306.3 | 36.8 | 243.5 | 415.9 | 459.8 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 43.0 | 331.1 | 374.1 | 272.8 | 35.6 | 208.7 | 298.9 | 515.7 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 44.9 | 338.3 | 383.2 | 289.4 | 31.4 | 205.9 | 349.7 | 508.8 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 45.6 | 343.9 | 389.5 | 328.3 | 25.6 | 218.4 | 461.7 | 478.6 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 43.5 | 336.1 | 379.6 | 297.6 | 35.5 | 206.2 | 364.7 | 498.4 |
| March .. | 43.3 | 337.5 | 380.8 | 320.7 | 30.1 | 204.8 | 386.8 | 488.2 |
| April .. | 44.1 | 344.6 | 388.7 | 340.3 | 19.8 | 208.3 | 428.0 | 470.6 |
| May .. | 46.3 | 337.8 | 384.1 | 340.3 | 20.6 | 212.3 | 450.7 | 461.5 |
| June .. | 43.9 | 337.7 | 381.6 | 340.3 | 28.0 | 208.9 | 459.1 | 459.8 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 43.3 | 338.7 | 382.0 | 340.3 | 27.9 | 208.9 | 471.1 | 450.0 |
| August .. | 43.0 | 342.4 | 385.4 | 340.3 | 30.4 | 209.4 | 473.1 | 468.5 |
| September .. | 42.9 | 343.8 | 386.7 | 340.3 | 29.4 | 206.8 | 472.5 | 480.9 |
| October .. | 44.0 | 343.7 | 387.7 | 340.3 | 32.8 | 211.4 | 471.1 | 496.0 |
| November .. | 44.7 | 345.2 | 389.9 | 340.3 | 23.6 | 216.4 | 466.4 | 499.7 |
| December(b) .. | 52.9 | 351.6 | 404.5 | 340.3 | 24.3 | 213.8 | 470.9 | 508.9 |
| January .. | 50.4 | 346.9 | 397.3 | 340.3 | 28.5 | 216.7 | 470.6 | 496.4 |
| February .. | 45.0 | 340.8 | 385.8 | 340.3 | 24.0 | 223.2 | 464.4 | 479.0 |
| March .. | 45.2 | 342.5 | 387.7 | 325.3 | 23.6 | 226.0 | 459.3 | 468.0 |
| April .. | 47.1 | 347.5 | 394.6 | 313.2 | 14.7 | 229.1 | 437.7 | 477.6 |
| May .. | 45.6 | 342.2 | 387.8 | 294.0 | 23.1 | 228.6 | 448.4 | 458.8 |
| June .. | 45.3 | 342.6 | 387.9 | 282.7 | 24.3 | 231.0 | 436.5 | 464.6 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 44.6 | 343.5 | 388.1 | 271.2 | 29.8 | 230.0 | 426.0 | 477.0 |
| August .. | 44.2 | 346.5 | 390.7 | 265.1 | 25.6 | 227.2 | 410.6 | 494.3 |
| September .. | 44.5 | 348.0 | 392.5 | 265.1 | 27.3 | 221.3 | 401.9 | 507.3 |
| October .. | 45.3 | 348.8 | 394.1 | 265.1 | 29.0 | 223.4 | 392.2 | 521.5 |
| November .. | 46.4 | 349.3 | 395.7 | 265.1 | 22.3 | 229.5 | 396.6 | 516.9 |
| December (b) .. | 54.8 | 367.0 | 421.8 | 265.1 | 22.3 | 228.8 | 405.1 | 525.6 |
| January .. | 52.1 | 349.3 | 401.4 | 265.1 | 28.5 | 225.5 | 407.3 | 497.6 |
| February .. | 47.2 | 345.2 | 392.4 | 253.9 | 25.8 | 229.7 | 407.3 | 432.8 |

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)
(£ million.)**

| Period. | Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a) | | | | | | | | Commonwealth Bank—Advances. | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | Deposits. | | | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | | Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (b) | Ad- vances. | Rural Credits Depart- ment. | Mortgage Bank Depart- ment. | Industrial Finance Department. | |
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | Treasury Bills. | Other. | | | | | Hire Purchase. | Other. |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 .. | 20.1 | 90.6 | 110.7 | 6.6 | 26.4 | 13.3 | .. | 76.4 | 19.7 | 4.1 | 15.5 | 8.7 |
| 1952-53 .. | 22.8 | 96.7 | 119.5 | 8.8 | 17.2 | 25.8 | 21.7 | 59.5 | 44.9 | 4.3 | 14.8 | 8.1 |
| 1953-54 .. | 35.3 | 120.9 | 156.2 | 11.0 | 23.4 | 29.9 | 34.8 | 69.2 | 43.2 | 4.5 | 16.6 | 4.7 |
| 1954-55 .. | 43.6 | 130.9 | 174.5 | 10.5 | 12.3 | 38.2 | 36.1 | 89.1 | 62.3 | 4.8 | 17.0 | 6.7 |
| 1955-56 .. | 46.3 | 135.6 | 181.9 | 10.2 | 6.3 | 38.6 | 33.2 | 103.9 | 73.8 | 5.1 | 16.6 | 9.0 |
| 1956-57 .. | 44.4 | 140.1 | 184.5 | 10.0 | 4.1 | 35.7 | 34.6 | 106.5 | 56.6 | 5.1 | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| 1957-58 .. | 54.9 | 150.2 | 205.1 | 10.8 | 5.5 | 46.5 | 40.2 | 107.8 | 33.7 | 5.5 | 16.0 | 9.4 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 45.0 | 139.7 | 184.7 | 9.8 | 5.4 | 33.5 | 34.9 | 108.4 | 64.1 | 5.1 | 16.8 | 9.2 |
| March .. | 44.6 | 142.7 | 187.3 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 36.1 | 37.3 | 105.2 | 72.9 | 5.2 | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| April .. | 45.2 | 144.7 | 189.9 | 10.7 | 3.5 | 36.9 | 39.2 | 103.7 | 66.8 | 5.2 | 16.5 | 9.4 |
| May .. | 45.8 | 142.7 | 188.5 | 9.7 | 3.9 | 36.2 | 39.2 | 105.2 | 54.8 | 5.3 | 16.1 | 9.5 |
| June .. | 47.7 | 146.2 | 193.9 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 36.6 | 39.2 | 102.5 | 42.5 | 5.2 | 15.9 | 9.6 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 49.5 | 143.3 | 192.8 | 10.7 | 6.0 | 39.0 | 39.2 | 107.3 | 41.2 | 5.3 | 15.8 | 9.6 |
| August .. | 50.6 | 144.1 | 194.7 | 10.6 | 5.6 | 43.0 | 39.2 | 105.5 | 30.5 | 5.4 | 15.8 | 9.7 |
| September .. | 50.4 | 145.4 | 195.8 | 11.4 | 3.7 | 47.0 | 39.2 | 104.6 | 22.2 | 5.4 | 15.9 | 9.9 |
| October .. | 50.8 | 152.5 | 203.3 | 11.3 | 5.2 | 49.3 | 39.2 | 105.2 | 20.7 | 5.5 | 16.1 | 9.8 |
| November .. | 53.8 | 155.9 | 209.7 | 11.4 | 6.7 | 51.7 | 39.2 | 105.4 | 20.4 | 5.5 | 16.1 | 9.7 |
| December(d) .. | 55.2 | 159.8 | 215.0 | 9.9 | 3.5 | 54.0 | 43.6 | 104.6 | 18.3 | 5.5 | 16.2 | 9.8 |
| January .. | 55.1 | 148.8 | 203.9 | 11.0 | 2.5 | 46.4 | 43.6 | 107.1 | 29.9 | 5.5 | 16.2 | 9.4 |
| February .. | 55.6 | 148.6 | 204.2 | 10.9 | 2.8 | 44.8 | 43.6 | 107.5 | 45.5 | 5.6 | 16.0 | 9.2 |
| March .. | 57.6 | 151.3 | 208.9 | 11.8 | 8.2 | 45.3 | 40.5 | 108.1 | 48.0 | 5.6 | 16.0 | 9.1 |
| April .. | 58.6 | 152.4 | 211.0 | 10.4 | 6.8 | 46.8 | 39.7 | 110.6 | 46.3 | 5.6 | 16.0 | 8.9 |
| May .. | 59.1 | 151.7 | 210.8 | 9.9 | 6.3 | 46.7 | 38.4 | 113.4 | 38.2 | 5.7 | 16.1 | 9.0 |
| June .. | 63.3 | 152.0 | 215.3 | 10.4 | 8.5 | 46.7 | 37.9 | 113.9 | 37.9 | 5.7 | 16.3 | 9.1 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 65.6 | 150.9 | 216.5 | 10.6 | 7.9 | 47.2 | 37.4 | 119.2 | 30.2 | 5.8 | 16.4 | 9.1 |
| August .. | 65.9 | 151.7 | 217.6 | 11.4 | 4.7 | 50.2 | 37.1 | 121.2 | 22.3 | 5.8 | 16.5 | 9.2 |
| September .. | 67.5 | 154.1 | 221.6 | 12.1 | 6.7 | 54.7 | 37.1 | 119.0 | 14.9 | 5.9 | 16.7 | 9.1 |
| October .. | 68.1 | 159.1 | 227.2 | 11.0 | 5.9 | 58.6 | 37.1 | 121.2 | 12.6 | 5.9 | 17.1 | 9.0 |
| November .. | 67.9 | 164.1 | 232.0 | 11.8 | 7.1 | 60.3 | 38.1 | 122.3 | 11.9 | 5.9 | 17.7 | 9.1 |
| December(d) .. | 66.4 | 166.3 | 232.7 | 11.9 | 3.8 | 60.6 | 38.2 | 124.0 | 12.1 | 5.9 | 18.4 | 9.0 |
| January .. | 66.8 | 154.4 | 221.2 | 12.2 | 2.5 | 50.2 | 38.4 | 125.6 | 29.1 | 6.0 | 18.2 | 8.9 |
| February .. | 67.5 | 158.0 | 225.5 | 12.5 | 2.6 | 54.6 | 36.3 | 123.9 | 72.9 | 6.0 | 17.9 | 8.9 |

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .. ———, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | | Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank. | Advances. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | Treasury Bills. | Other. | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37.. .. | 184.7 | 112.9 | 297.6 | 34.2 | 24.5 | (b) 15.0 | .. | 262.5 |
| 1937-38.. .. | 194.8 | 120.0 | 314.8 | 37.1 | 20.7 | (b) 21.4 | .. | 274.4 |
| 1938-39.. .. | 198.8 | 118.9 | 317.7 | 33.6 | 21.5 | (b) 20.5 | .. | 288.1 |
| 1951-52.. .. | 238.2 | (c) 963.5 | 1,201.7 | 60.6 | 32.4 | 67.0 | 466.0 | (c) 621.4 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 218.7 | 943.7 | 1,162.4 | 74.7 | 123.1 | 84.0 | 211.7 | 638.1 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 239.8 | 1,035.7 | 1,275.5 | 71.2 | 99.4 | 127.6 | 285.2 | 658.5 |
| 1954-55(d) | 263.0 | 1,047.7 | 1,310.7 | 66.9 | 51.6 | 120.2 | 269.1 | 776.8 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 263.1 | 1,032.3 | 1,295.4 | 66.9 | 50.0 | 113.1 | 238.8 | 804.4 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 299.5 | 1,028.5 | 1,328.0 | 63.7 | 51.2 | 151.3 | 254.1 | 762.6 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 345.4 | 1,045.9 | 1,391.3 | 59.8 | 39.0 | 176.2 | 287.4 | 774.3 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 310.1 | 1,080.8 | 1,390.9 | 66.2 | 88.6 | 182.1 | 261.8 | 732.5 |
| March .. | 312.9 | 1,103.4 | 1,416.3 | 60.2 | 92.4 | 188.4 | 282.7 | 725.5 |
| April .. | 311.9 | 1,083.1 | 1,395.0 | 51.7 | 47.7 | 184.0 | 300.4 | 743.5 |
| May .. | 316.3 | 1,052.4 | 1,368.7 | 55.8 | 27.7 | 173.5 | 300.4 | 757.3 |
| June .. | 321.2 | 1,040.9 | 1,362.1 | 56.1 | 15.9 | 167.6 | 300.4 | 766.2 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 328.9 | 1,020.7 | 1,349.6 | 59.1 | 18.8 | 158.9 | 300.4 | 770.5 |
| August .. | 330.6 | 1,001.3 | 1,331.9 | 60.3 | 17.0 | 158.3 | 300.4 | 762.0 |
| September .. | 334.2 | 1,008.0 | 1,342.2 | 57.9 | 21.1 | 159.8 | 300.4 | 756.1 |
| October .. | 344.3 | 1,041.2 | 1,385.5 | 62.7 | 34.8 | 163.2 | 300.4 | 765.5 |
| November .. | 344.2 | 1,062.4 | 1,406.6 | 56.9 | 37.8 | 174.6 | 300.4 | 772.0 |
| December(e) | 346.0 | 1,085.7 | 1,431.7 | 66.4 | 46.2 | 180.5 | 296.0 | 766.3 |
| January .. | 352.4 | 1,093.3 | 1,445.7 | 69.2 | 69.5 | 196.1 | 296.0 | 753.4 |
| February .. | 352.4 | 1,091.2 | 1,443.6 | 58.9 | 77.1 | 201.9 | 296.0 | 749.6 |
| March .. | 356.4 | 1,093.2 | 1,449.6 | 56.9 | 86.1 | 204.4 | 284.0 | 754.6 |
| April .. | 353.3 | 1,061.1 | 1,414.4 | 53.2 | 33.5 | 196.3 | 272.9 | 792.2 |
| May .. | 350.2 | 1,004.0 | 1,354.2 | 58.0 | 15.1 | 166.6 | 254.9 | 819.5 |
| June .. | 352.8 | 990.2 | 1,343.0 | 58.4 | 13.0 | 151.7 | 244.2 | 831.7 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 363.5 | 967.7 | 1,331.2 | 63.2 | 13.1 | 144.1 | 233.2 | 844.9 |
| August .. | 366.2 | 955.3 | 1,321.5 | 55.4 | 23.4 | 143.4 | 227.5 | 838.8 |
| September .. | 361.7 | 962.3 | 1,324.0 | 57.8 | 27.0 | 146.1 | 227.5 | 829.8 |
| October .. | 365.9 | 986.8 | 1,352.7 | 60.5 | 30.7 | 155.2 | 227.5 | 830.9 |
| November .. | 367.3 | 1,004.9 | 1,372.2 | 57.6 | 38.9 | 173.4 | 226.5 | 824.6 |
| December (e) | 367.9 | 1,025.5 | 1,393.4 | 64.8 | 40.9 | 191.3 | 226.4 | 808.2 |
| January .. | 372.0 | 1,030.0 | 1,402.0 | 66.3 | 57.9 | 212.9 | 226.2 | 794.8 |
| February .. | 371.7 | 1,048.2 | 1,419.9 | 58.4 | 73.3 | 238.0 | 217.0 | 775.3 |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period. | | | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. | | | | | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|----------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Cash in Australia. | + Cash Treasury Bills. | Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. | Advances. | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936-37 | .. | .. | 11.5 | 19.7 | (b) 24.8 | .. | 88.2 | 37.9 |
| 1937-38 | .. | .. | 11.8 | 18.4 | (b) 25.2 | .. | 87.1 | 38.1 |
| 1938-39 | .. | .. | 10.6 | 17.4 | (b) 23.8 | .. | 90.7 | 37.4 |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 5.0 | 7.7 | 13.3 | 38.8 | (c) 51.7 | 80.2 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 6.4 | 17.0 | 24.3 | 18.2 | 54.9 | 81.2 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 5.6 | 13.4 | 23.4 | 22.4 | 51.6 | 81.2 |
| 1954-55(d) | .. | .. | 5.1 | 9.0 | 18.2 | 20.5 | 59.3 | 79.9 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | 5.2 | 9.0 | 17.7 | 18.4 | 62.1 | 79.7 |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | 4.8 | 8.6 | 20.0 | 19.1 | 57.4 | 77.5 |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | 4.3 | 7.1 | 19.8 | 20.7 | 55.7 | 75.2 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February | .. | .. | 4.8 | 11.1 | 24.2 | 18.8 | 52.7 | 77.7 |
| March | .. | .. | 4.3 | 10.8 | 24.1 | 20.0 | 51.2 | 77.9 |
| April | .. | .. | 3.7 | 7.1 | 20.3 | 21.5 | 53.3 | 77.6 |
| May | .. | .. | 4.1 | 6.1 | 18.8 | 21.9 | 55.3 | 76.9 |
| June | .. | .. | 4.1 | 5.3 | 17.6 | 22.1 | 56.3 | 76.4 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | .. | 4.4 | 5.8 | 17.6 | 22.3 | 57.1 | 75.6 |
| August | .. | .. | 4.5 | 5.8 | 17.7 | 22.5 | 57.2 | 75.2 |
| September | .. | .. | 4.3 | 5.9 | 17.8 | 22.4 | 56.3 | 75.1 |
| October | .. | .. | 4.5 | 7.0 | 18.8 | 21.7 | 55.2 | 75.2 |
| November | .. | .. | 4.0 | 6.7 | 19.1 | 21.4 | 54.9 | 75.5 |
| December(e) | .. | .. | 4.6 | 7.9 | 20.5 | 20.7 | 53.5 | 75.8 |
| January | .. | .. | 4.8 | 9.6 | 23.2 | 20.5 | 52.1 | 75.6 |
| February | .. | .. | 4.1 | 9.4 | 23.4 | 20.5 | 51.9 | 75.6 |
| March | .. | .. | 3.9 | 9.8 | 24.0 | 19.6 | 52.1 | 75.4 |
| April | .. | .. | 3.7 | 6.1 | 20.0 | 19.3 | 56.0 | 75.0 |
| May | .. | .. | 4.3 | 5.4 | 17.7 | 18.8 | 60.5 | 74.1 |
| June | .. | .. | 4.3 | 5.3 | 16.6 | 18.2 | 61.9 | 73.7 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 4.8 | 5.8 | 16.6 | 17.5 | 63.5 | 72.7 |
| August | .. | .. | 4.2 | 6.0 | 16.8 | 17.2 | 63.5 | 72.3 |
| September | .. | .. | 4.4 | 6.4 | 17.4 | 17.2 | 62.7 | 72.7 |
| October | .. | .. | 4.5 | 6.8 | 18.2 | 16.8 | 61.4 | 73.0 |
| November | .. | .. | 4.2 | 7.0 | 19.7 | 16.5 | 60.1 | 73.2 |
| December (e) | .. | .. | 4.6 | 7.6 | 21.3 | 16.2 | 58.0 | 73.6 |
| January | .. | .. | 4.7 | 8.8 | 24.0 | 16.1 | 56.7 | 73.5 |
| February | .. | .. | 4.1 | 9.2 | 26.0 | 15.3 | 54.6 | 73.8 |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Includes Municipal securities.

(c) Figures are not strictly comparable

with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities.

(d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in

vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . , ———, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | | Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank. | Advances. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | Treasury Bills. | Other. | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52.. .. | 258.3 | 1,054.1 | 1,312.4 | 67.2 | 58.8 | 80.3 | 466.0 | 697.8 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 241.5 | 1,040.4 | 1,281.9 | 83.5 | 140.3 | 109.9 | 233.5 | 697.6 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 275.1 | 1,156.6 | 1,431.7 | 82.2 | 122.8 | 157.5 | 320.0 | 727.7 |
| 1954-55(c) .. | 306.5 | 1,178.6 | 1,485.1 | 77.4 | 63.9 | 158.4 | 305.2 | 865.9 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 309.4 | 1,167.9 | 1,477.3 | 77.1 | 56.3 | 151.7 | 272.0 | 908.3 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 343.9 | 1,168.7 | 1,512.6 | 73.6 | 55.2 | 187.0 | 288.7 | 869.1 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 400.3 | 1,196.1 | 1,596.4 | 70.6 | 44.5 | 222.7 | 327.6 | 882.1 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 355.1 | 1,220.5 | 1,575.6 | 76.0 | 94.0 | 215.7 | 296.8 | 840.9 |
| March .. | 357.6 | 1,246.1 | 1,603.7 | 70.7 | 96.4 | 224.5 | 319.9 | 830.7 |
| April .. | 357.1 | 1,227.8 | 1,584.9 | 62.4 | 51.2 | 221.0 | 339.6 | 847.1 |
| May .. | 362.0 | 1,195.2 | 1,557.2 | 65.5 | 31.6 | 209.6 | 339.6 | 862.5 |
| June .. | 368.8 | 1,187.2 | 1,556.0 | 67.2 | 22.9 | 204.2 | 339.6 | 868.8 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 378.4 | 1,164.0 | 1,542.4 | 69.8 | 24.8 | 197.9 | 339.6 | 877.8 |
| August .. | 381.2 | 1,145.4 | 1,526.6 | 70.9 | 22.6 | 201.3 | 339.6 | 867.5 |
| September .. | 384.6 | 1,153.5 | 1,538.1 | 69.3 | 24.8 | 206.8 | 339.6 | 860.7 |
| October .. | 395.1 | 1,193.7 | 1,588.8 | 74.1 | 40.0 | 212.6 | 339.6 | 870.7 |
| November .. | 398.0 | 1,218.3 | 1,616.3 | 68.3 | 44.5 | 226.3 | 339.6 | 877.4 |
| December(d) .. | 401.2 | 1,245.5 | 1,646.7 | 76.2 | 49.7 | 234.5 | 339.6 | 870.9 |
| January .. | 407.5 | 1,242.1 | 1,649.6 | 80.2 | 72.0 | 242.5 | 339.6 | 860.5 |
| February .. | 408.0 | 1,239.8 | 1,647.8 | 69.8 | 79.9 | 246.7 | 339.6 | 857.1 |
| March .. | 413.9 | 1,244.6 | 1,658.5 | 68.7 | 94.4 | 249.7 | 324.6 | 862.7 |
| April .. | 411.9 | 1,213.5 | 1,625.4 | 63.6 | 40.3 | 243.1 | 312.6 | 902.8 |
| May .. | 409.3 | 1,155.7 | 1,565.0 | 67.9 | 21.4 | 213.3 | 293.3 | 932.9 |
| June .. | 416.1 | 1,142.2 | 1,558.3 | 68.8 | 21.5 | 198.4 | 282.1 | 945.6 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 429.1 | 1,118.6 | 1,547.7 | 73.8 | 21.0 | 191.3 | 270.6 | 964.1 |
| August .. | 432.1 | 1,107.0 | 1,539.1 | 66.8 | 28.1 | 193.6 | 264.6 | 960.0 |
| September .. | 429.2 | 1,116.4 | 1,545.6 | 69.9 | 33.7 | 200.8 | 264.6 | 948.8 |
| October .. | 434.0 | 1,145.9 | 1,579.9 | 71.5 | 36.6 | 213.8 | 264.6 | 952.1 |
| November .. | 435.2 | 1,169.0 | 1,604.2 | 69.4 | 46.0 | 233.7 | 264.6 | 946.9 |
| December (d) .. | 434.2 | 1,191.8 | 1,626.0 | 76.6 | 44.7 | 251.9 | 264.6 | 932.2 |
| January .. | 438.8 | 1,184.4 | 1,623.2 | 78.6 | 60.4 | 263.1 | 264.6 | 920.4 |
| February .. | 439.2 | 1,206.1 | 1,645.3 | 70.9 | 75.9 | 292.6 | 253.3 | 899.2 |

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.
(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period. | | | Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits. | | | | | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Cash in Australia. | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. | Advances. | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52 | .. | .. | 5.1 | 9.6 | 15.7 | 35.5 | 53.2 | 80.3 |
| 1952-53 | .. | .. | 6.5 | 17.4 | 26.0 | 18.2 | 54.4 | 81.2 |
| 1953-54 | .. | .. | 5.7 | 14.3 | 25.3 | 22.3 | 50.8 | 80.8 |
| 1954-55(c) | .. | .. | 5.2 | 9.5 | 20.2 | 20.5 | 58.3 | 79.4 |
| 1955-56 | .. | .. | 5.2 | 9.0 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 61.5 | 79.1 |
| 1956-57 | .. | .. | 4.9 | 8.5 | 20.9 | 19.1 | 57.5 | 77.3 |
| 1957-58 | .. | .. | 4.4 | 7.2 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 55.3 | 74.9 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February | .. | .. | 4.8 | 10.8 | 24.5 | 18.8 | 53.4 | 77.5 |
| March | .. | .. | 4.4 | 10.4 | 24.4 | 20.0 | 51.8 | 77.7 |
| April | .. | .. | 3.9 | 7.1 | 21.1 | 21.4 | 53.5 | 77.5 |
| May | .. | .. | 4.2 | 6.2 | 19.7 | 21.8 | 55.4 | 76.7 |
| June.. | .. | .. | 4.3 | 5.8 | 18.9 | 21.8 | 55.8 | 76.3 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July | .. | .. | 4.6 | 6.2 | 19.0 | 22.0 | 56.9 | 75.5 |
| August | .. | .. | 4.6 | 6.1 | 19.3 | 22.2 | 56.8 | 75.0 |
| September | .. | .. | 4.5 | 6.1 | 19.6 | 22.1 | 56.0 | 75.0 |
| October | .. | .. | 4.7 | 7.2 | 20.6 | 21.4 | 54.8 | 75.1 |
| November | .. | .. | 4.2 | 7.0 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 54.3 | 75.4 |
| December(d) | .. | .. | 4.6 | 7.6 | 21.9 | 20.6 | 52.9 | 75.6 |
| January | .. | .. | 4.8 | 9.2 | 23.9 | 20.6 | 52.2 | 75.3 |
| February | .. | .. | 4.2 | 9.1 | 24.1 | 20.6 | 52.0 | 75.2 |
| March | .. | .. | 4.1 | 9.8 | 24.9 | 19.6 | 52.0 | 75.0 |
| April | .. | .. | 3.9 | 6.4 | 21.4 | 19.2 | 55.5 | 74.7 |
| May | .. | .. | 4.3 | 5.7 | 19.3 | 18.7 | 59.6 | 73.8 |
| June.. | .. | .. | 4.4 | 5.8 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 60.7 | 73.3 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | .. | .. | 4.8 | 6.1 | 18.5 | 17.5 | 62.3 | 72.3 |
| August | .. | .. | 4.3 | 6.1 | 18.7 | 17.2 | 62.4 | 71.9 |
| September | .. | .. | 4.5 | 6.7 | 19.7 | 17.1 | 61.4 | 72.2 |
| October | .. | .. | 4.5 | 6.8 | 20.4 | 16.7 | 60.3 | 72.5 |
| November | .. | .. | 4.3 | 7.2 | 21.8 | 16.5 | 59.0 | 72.9 |
| December(d) | .. | .. | 4.7 | 7.5 | 23.0 | 16.3 | 57.3 | 73.3 |
| January | .. | .. | 4.9 | 8.5 | 24.8 | 16.3 | 56.7 | 73.0 |
| February | .. | .. | 4.3 | 8.9 | 26.7 | 15.4 | 54.7 | 73.3 |

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period. | Deposits. | | | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank. | Commonwealth and State Government Securities. | | Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank. | Advances. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. | | Treasury Bills. | Other. | | |
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52.. .. | 271.7 | 1,091.5 | 1,363.2 | 72.3 | 61.7 | 94.4 | 468.6 | 759.7 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 256.8 | 1,076.3 | 1,333.1 | (b) 88.2 | (b) 144.2 | (c) 123.0 | 234.6 | (c) 762.3 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 290.4 | 1,196.0 | 1,486.4 | 87.3 | 130.1 | 170.8 | 321.1 | 793.7 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 322.6 | 1,220.0 | 1,542.6 | 82.0 | 69.5 | 171.7 | 306.3 | 938.1 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 325.7 | 1,207.7 | 1,533.4 | 81.1 | 60.5 | 165.5 | 272.8 | 984.1 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 360.9 | 1,209.9 | 1,570.8 | 77.5 | 59.1 | 202.1 | 289.4 | 946.8 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 420.6 | 1,238.1 | 1,658.7 | 74.4 | 48.7 | 237.2 | 328.3 | 963.3 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 372.5 | 1,265.7 | 1,638.2 | 80.3 | 99.9 | 231.9 | 297.6 | 919.0 |
| March .. | 374.9 | 1,291.8 | 1,666.7 | 74.6 | 102.9 | 240.8 | 320.7 | 909.6 |
| April .. | 374.5 | 1,272.5 | 1,647.0 | 66.2 | 57.4 | 236.7 | 340.3 | 926.7 |
| May .. | 379.4 | 1,238.3 | 1,617.7 | 69.4 | 37.3 | 224.8 | 340.3 | 942.0 |
| June .. | 386.8 | 1,228.7 | 1,615.5 | 71.3 | 27.1 | 219.2 | 340.3 | 948.4 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 397.6 | 1,205.2 | 1,602.8 | 74.3 | 29.6 | 212.6 | 340.3 | 956.5 |
| August .. | 400.3 | 1,185.6 | 1,585.9 | 74.5 | 26.9 | 215.6 | 340.3 | 945.1 |
| September .. | 403.9 | 1,192.7 | 1,596.6 | 73.0 | 29.2 | 220.8 | 340.3 | 939.2 |
| October .. | 414.3 | 1,234.5 | 1,648.8 | 78.0 | 44.8 | 226.4 | 340.3 | 950.7 |
| November .. | 417.7 | 1,260.6 | 1,678.3 | 72.6 | 49.8 | 240.7 | 340.3 | 957.7 |
| December(d) .. | 421.1 | 1,288.5 | 1,709.6 | 80.6 | 55.3 | 249.0 | 340.3 | 952.0 |
| January .. | 427.9 | 1,287.7 | 1,715.6 | 84.5 | 77.3 | 257.3 | 340.3 | 941.9 |
| February .. | 428.4 | 1,284.9 | 1,713.3 | 73.7 | 86.0 | 261.7 | 340.3 | 939.0 |
| March .. | 433.9 | 1,289.3 | 1,723.2 | 72.3 | 99.1 | 264.7 | 325.3 | 945.4 |
| April .. | 432.9 | 1,256.4 | 1,689.3 | 67.1 | 43.0 | 258.1 | 313.3 | 986.0 |
| May .. | 431.8 | 1,195.7 | 1,627.5 | 70.9 | 22.6 | 228.0 | 294.0 | 1,017.1 |
| June .. | 439.1 | 1,181.0 | 1,620.1 | 71.9 | 22.0 | 212.6 | 282.7 | 1,030.1 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 454.1 | 1,155.4 | 1,609.5 | 77.4 | 21.5 | 205.0 | 271.2 | 1,048.8 |
| August .. | 457.0 | 1,143.0 | 1,600.0 | 70.3 | 28.6 | 207.1 | 265.2 | 1,044.2 |
| September .. | 453.7 | 1,152.4 | 1,606.1 | 73.1 | 34.2 | 214.2 | 265.2 | 1,033.7 |
| October .. | 458.9 | 1,182.3 | 1,641.2 | 75.3 | 37.1 | 227.2 | 265.2 | 1,037.0 |
| November .. | 460.2 | 1,206.5 | 1,666.7 | 73.3 | 46.5 | 247.2 | 265.2 | 1,032.9 |
| December (d) .. | 458.9 | 1,229.8 | 1,688.7 | 81.1 | 45.2 | 265.2 | 265.2 | 1,018.8 |
| January .. | 463.1 | 1,224.5 | 1,687.6 | 82.9 | 61.2 | 277.2 | 265.2 | 1,007.0 |
| February .. | 463.4 | 1,250.5 | 1,713.9 | 75.1 | 78.5 | 307.9 | 253.9 | 984.9 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Average of Weekly Figures— | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52.. .. | 156.6 | 142.3 | 41.5 | 30.8 | 21.8 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 402.4 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 151.9 | 132.0 | 43.8 | 30.1 | 22.1 | 8.8 | 0.6 | 389.3 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 171.7 | 154.9 | 51.0 | 32.8 | 25.4 | 9.9 | 0.8 | 446.5 |
| 1954-55(b) .. | 187.5 | 176.2 | 53.9 | 36.3 | 26.2 | 10.7 | 0.8 | 491.6 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 200.9 | 185.4 | 56.0 | 39.6 | 26.9 | 11.6 | 1.0 | 521.4 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 219.4 | 195.5 | 62.7 | 42.7 | 28.6 | 12.6 | 1.2 | 562.7 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 230.4 | 207.1 | 65.6 | 44.3 | 30.2 | 12.9 | 1.5 | 592.0 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | |
| February .. | 224.7 | 206.2 | 66.2 | 48.7 | 30.7 | 13.0 | 1.2 | 590.7 |
| March .. | 233.5 | 207.1 | 63.6 | 46.5 | 30.5 | 14.4 | 1.5 | 597.1 |
| April .. | 232.2 | 210.4 | 63.8 | 46.0 | 27.4 | 12.8 | 1.3 | 593.9 |
| May .. | 229.8 | 214.6 | 64.2 | 44.9 | 29.0 | 13.3 | 1.4 | 597.2 |
| June .. | 234.5 | 201.7 | 65.9 | 44.3 | 27.6 | 13.4 | 1.4 | 588.8 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 235.9 | 204.5 | 70.9 | 46.5 | 28.5 | 12.8 | 1.6 | 600.7 |
| August .. | 205.8 | 184.0 | 60.2 | 38.7 | 26.3 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 527.5 |
| September .. | 227.4 | 196.6 | 67.3 | 43.1 | 29.6 | 11.8 | 1.2 | 577.0 |
| October .. | 233.6 | 210.5 | 69.2 | 44.1 | 32.4 | 12.0 | 1.5 | 603.3 |
| November .. | 237.9 | 212.5 | 66.4 | 45.6 | 31.9 | 12.6 | 1.4 | 608.3 |
| December .. | 253.9 | 242.8 | 72.5 | 48.8 | 32.7 | 15.3 | 1.5 | 667.5 |
| January .. | 200.6 | 173.5 | 57.1 | 39.1 | 30.7 | 10.5 | 1.2 | 512.7 |
| February .. | 232.6 | 201.9 | 61.7 | 45.9 | 31.2 | 12.8 | 1.5 | 587.6 |
| March .. | 239.8 | 212.5 | 64.2 | 45.6 | 31.2 | 14.5 | 1.6 | 609.4 |
| April .. | 234.2 | 216.5 | 66.8 | 46.1 | 29.8 | 13.9 | 2.1 | 609.4 |
| May .. | 235.0 | 218.2 | 64.6 | 44.8 | 29.7 | 14.2 | 1.7 | 608.2 |
| June .. | 231.8 | 216.9 | 66.5 | 43.4 | 28.3 | 14.3 | 1.8 | 603.0 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 242.6 | 219.6 | 71.0 | 44.2 | 28.8 | 14.2 | 2.3 | 622.7 |
| August .. | 218.8 | 195.0 | 64.8 | 40.3 | 25.9 | 11.8 | 1.6 | 558.2 |
| September .. | 236.1 | 206.9 | 69.8 | 42.4 | 28.2 | 12.4 | 1.9 | 597.7 |
| October .. | 252.3 | 224.4 | 72.5 | 45.1 | 30.4 | 13.3 | 1.8 | 639.8 |
| November .. | 254.3 | 225.6 | 73.1 | 45.9 | 29.7 | 14.0 | 1.8 | 644.4 |
| December .. | 274.5 | 253.4 | 77.0 | 51.2 | 33.1 | 15.5 | 2.0 | 706.7 |
| January .. | 205.7 | 176.8 | 58.8 | 39.1 | 31.9 | 10.4 | 1.7 | 524.4 |
| February .. | 254.3 | 244.6 | 69.6 | 50.6 | 37.2 | 13.9 | 2.0 | 672.2 |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. | | | | | | | | Australia. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0 | 75.7 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 11.8 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 230.9 |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0 | 78.9 | 28.2 | 27.2 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 240.4 |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5 | 80.5 | 29.0 | 27.4 | 12.4 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 245.6 |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5 | 300.8 | 102.7 | 103.7 | 47.2 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 891.9 |
| 1952-53 .. | 319.1 | 320.0 | 109.4 | 113.9 | 49.8 | 32.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 947.5 |
| 1953-54 .. | 339.8 | 339.8 | 117.4 | 122.9 | 52.6 | 34.0 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1,010.1 |
| 1954-55 .. | 358.6 | 364.8 | 124.8 | 131.7 | 53.6 | 35.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 1,073.4 |
| 1955-56 .. | 386.6 | 386.2 | 132.7 | 135.7 | 57.9 | 37.2 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 1,141.0 |
| 1956-57 .. | 422.2 | 411.6 | 144.6 | 142.4 | 62.7 | 38.7 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 1,227.4 |
| 1957-58 .. | 449.0 | 433.6 | 153.2 | 148.9 | 66.0 | 40.2 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 1,296.8 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 411.9 | 402.7 | 140.6 | 138.8 | 61.2 | 38.6 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 1,198.7 |
| March | 412.3 | 402.2 | 140.4 | 138.5 | 61.1 | 38.5 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 1,198.0 |
| April .. | 411.2 | 400.6 | 140.4 | 138.3 | 61.0 | 38.4 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 1,194.9 |
| May .. | 413.1 | 402.8 | 141.3 | 138.7 | 61.3 | 38.5 | 1.8 | 3.3 | 1,200.8 |
| June .. | 422.2 | 411.6 | 144.6 | 142.4 | 62.7 | 38.7 | 1.9 | 3.3 | a 1,227.4 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 424.9 | 412.9 | 146.5 | 143.2 | 63.0 | 39.2 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 1,235.1 |
| August | 429.1 | 416.9 | 148.7 | 143.9 | 63.8 | 39.9 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 1,247.7 |
| September | 430.9 | 418.0 | 150.1 | 144.2 | 64.1 | 39.8 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 1,252.7 |
| October | 436.0 | 422.0 | 152.1 | 146.1 | 65.1 | 40.0 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 1,266.9 |
| November | 436.2 | 423.2 | 152.0 | 146.2 | 65.1 | 39.8 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 1,268.2 |
| December | 437.1 | 423.0 | 151.4 | 145.7 | 64.9 | 39.6 | 2.0 | 3.6 | 1,267.3 |
| January | 439.0 | 423.3 | 150.6 | 146.4 | 64.8 | 39.7 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 1,269.5 |
| February | 439.7 | 423.2 | 150.0 | 146.3 | 64.6 | 39.9 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 1,269.4 |
| March .. | 439.1 | 422.7 | 149.4 | 145.9 | 64.6 | 39.8 | 2.0 | 3.8 | 1,267.3 |
| April .. | 440.4 | 423.5 | 149.8 | 145.7 | 64.8 | 39.9 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 1,269.8 |
| May .. | 440.7 | 425.4 | 150.0 | 145.0 | 64.6 | 39.8 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 1,271.2 |
| June .. | 449.0 | 433.6 | 153.2 | 148.9 | 66.0 | 40.2 | 2.1 | 3.8 | a 1,296.8 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 451.9 | 434.9 | 155.1 | 149.6 | 66.4 | 40.7 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 1,304.8 |
| August .. | 454.1 | 437.1 | 156.2 | 149.4 | 66.5 | 41.3 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 1,310.8 |
| September | 457.7 | 439.1 | 158.2 | 149.8 | 67.7 | 41.5 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 1,320.2 |
| October | 459.3 | 440.8 | 159.4 | 150.0 | 67.9 | 41.3 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 1,325.0 |
| November | 462.7 | 443.0 | 160.6 | 150.6 | 68.3 | 41.4 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 1,333.0 |
| December | 465.7 | 443.9 | 161.3 | 150.6 | 68.2 | 41.3 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 1,337.4 |
| January | 468.1 | 443.6 | 160.1 | 150.8 | 68.2 | 41.4 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 1,338.6 |
| February | 471.3 | 444.5 | 160.3 | 151.8 | 68.5 | 41.8 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 1,344.6 |

(a) Interest added 1956-57, £29.1m.; 1957-58, £31.2m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period. | New Policies Issued.(b) | | | | Premiums.(c) | | Claims, etc., Paid.(d) | | New Loans Granted. (e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Ordinary Department. | | Industrial Department. | | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | |
| | Number. | Sum Assured. | Number. | Sum Assured. | | | | | |
| | | £'000. | | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. | £'000. |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1937 | 12,296 | 4,120 | 36,148 | 1,684 | 1,045 | 474 | 747 | 223 | n.a. |
| 1938 | 11,470 | 3,867 | 32,757 | 1,530 | 1,075 | 617 | 781 | 246 | n.a. |
| 1939 | 11,293 | 3,886 | 32,125 | 1,545 | 1,144 | 541 | 835 | 303 | n.a. |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951-52.. .. | 23,607 | 18,464 | 23,216 | 2,817 | 3,651 | 1,102 | 1,441 | 546 | 3,963 |
| 1952-53.. .. | 23,643 | 18,828 | 22,853 | 2,946 | 4,186 | 1,147 | 1,576 | 619 | 3,011 |
| 1953-54.. .. | 23,709 | 21,177 | 19,964 | 2,714 | 4,679 | 1,172 | 1,763 | 670 | 2,872 |
| 1954-55.. .. | 23,505 | 24,365 | 18,415 | 2,734 | 5,175 | 1,218 | 1,983 | 738 | 4,319 |
| 1955-56.. .. | 24,796 | 27,893 | 17,551 | 2,721 | 5,785 | 1,228 | 2,263 | 793 | 4,744 |
| 1956-57.. .. | 24,328 | 32,683 | 17,526 | 2,761 | 6,454 | 1,248 | 2,470 | 841 | 4,992 |
| 1957-58.. .. | 24,967 | 37,562 | 17,414 | 2,819 | 7,289 | 1,273 | 2,797 | 912 | 4,948 |
| Monthly Total— | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 13,445 | 17,087 | 5,383 | 801 | 5,734 | 756 | 2,118 | 644 | 3,400 |
| February | 19,066 | 26,103 | 16,373 | 2,523 | 5,780 | 1,235 | 2,328 | 775 | 3,609 |
| March | 25,291 | 31,747 | 18,375 | 2,866 | 6,282 | 1,245 | 2,606 | 858 | 5,698 |
| April | 21,986 | 27,805 | 18,850 | 2,936 | 6,450 | 1,254 | 2,389 | 832 | 5,085 |
| May | 25,644 | 34,790 | 17,023 | 2,653 | 7,323 | 1,274 | 2,665 | 963 | 5,525 |
| June | 27,024 | 36,554 | 18,934 | 3,003 | 7,971 | 1,306 | 2,427 | 887 | 5,231 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 28,518 | 46,239 | 19,963 | 3,239 | 7,997 | 1,305 | 2,954 | 1,089 | 5,030 |
| August | 28,179 | 37,205 | 21,061 | 3,345 | 6,922 | 1,271 | 2,931 | 1,113 | 4,504 |
| September | 31,917 | 40,560 | 23,220 | 3,673 | 7,187 | 1,329 | 2,852 | 925 | 4,476 |
| October | 26,766 | 35,415 | 17,797 | 2,865 | 7,154 | 1,351 | 2,725 | 937 | 5,700 |
| November | 25,551 | 42,114 | 17,193 | 2,783 | 6,458 | 1,347 | 2,732 | 994 | 4,969 |
| December | 29,968 | 60,434 | 14,981 | 2,696 | 7,654 | 1,447 | 3,119 | 764 | 6,507 |
| January | 12,325 | 15,145 | 5,094 | 767 | 6,094 | 793 | 2,161 | 689 | 3,258 |
| February | 19,583 | 27,474 | 14,930 | 2,332 | 6,161 | 1,238 | 2,562 | 869 | 4,076 |
| March | 25,173 | 34,355 | 17,866 | 2,893 | 7,480 | 1,332 | 2,941 | 957 | 4,937 |
| April | 20,152 | 28,228 | 15,627 | 2,528 | 7,363 | 1,197 | 2,592 | 777 | 5,687 |
| May | 24,556 | 37,631 | 18,653 | 2,993 | 7,822 | 1,308 | 2,957 | 964 | 5,379 |
| June | 26,924 | 45,937 | 22,581 | 3,716 | 9,174 | 1,363 | 3,036 | 869 | 4,858 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 27,662 | 44,718 | 18,343 | 2,974 | 8,869 | 1,339 | 3,476 | 1,001 | 5,777 |
| August | 28,629 | 40,527 | 18,112 | 3,011 | 7,201 | 1,209 | 3,001 | 959 | 5,107 |
| September | 33,878 | 52,418 | 24,392 | 3,942 | 8,173 | 1,374 | 3,207 | 866 | 6,577 |
| October | 25,273 | 40,393 | 15,395 | 2,567 | 7,469 | 1,303 | 2,924 | 833 | 7,093 |
| November | 24,970 | 38,410 | 16,155 | 2,744 | 6,881 | 1,573 | 2,808 | 846 | 6,033 |
| December | 28,549 | 76,987 | 11,463 | 2,243 | 8,584 | 1,276 | 3,447 | 767 | 8,036 |
| January | 16,194 | 25,976 | 4,234 | 646 | 6,521 | 754 | 2,312 | 613 | 3,876 |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

| Period. | Exchange Rates.(a) | | | Gold Prices.(a) | | Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates. | | Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales. |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| | Australia on London.(b) | London on New York. (b) | Australia on New York. (c) | Australia. | London. | Short Dated 2 years.(d) | Long Dated 12 years.(d) | |
| | £A. per £100 Stg. | \$ per £Stg. | \$ per £A. | £A. per fine oz. | £Stg. per fine oz. | Per cent. | Per cent. | Per cent. (e) |
| 1936-37 .. | 125.25 | 4.939 | 3.929 | 8.781 | 7.041 | (f) 3.57 | (g) 3.94 | (h) 5.3 |
| 1937-38 .. | 125.25 | 4.980 | 3.961 | 8.690 | 7.001 | (f) 3.30 | (g) 3.71 | (h) 5.3 |
| 1938-39 .. | 125.25 | 4.738 | 3.759 | 9.137 | 7.340 | (f) 3.67 | (g) 3.84 | (i) 5.4 |
| 1951-52 .. | 125.25 | 2.796 | 2.224 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 2.05 | 3.95 | (i) 4.4 |
| 1952-53 .. | 125.25 | 2.804 | 2.231 | 15.492 | 12.400 | 3.03 | 4.54 | 4.7 |
| 1953-54 .. | 125.25 | 2.813 | 2.238 | 15.514 | 12.411 | 3.10 | 4.44 | 4.9 |
| 1954-55 .. | 125.25 | 2.797 | 2.226 | 15.625 | 12.536 | 3.49 | 4.50 | 5.2 |
| 1955-56 .. | 125.25 | 2.795 | 2.228 | 15.625 | 12.496 | 4.39 | 4.76 | 5.8 |
| 1956-57 .. | 125.25 | 2.789 | 2.220 | 15.625 | 12.532 | 4.71 | 5.06 | 6.5 |
| 1957-58 .. | 125.25 | 2.805 | 2.232 | 15.625 | 12.491 | 4.38 | 4.99 | 7.0 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | (i) (j) |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.798 | 2.227 | 15.625 | 12.469 | 4.70 | 5.05 | 6.6 |
| March .. | 125.25 | 2.793 | 2.223 | 15.625 | 12.499 | 4.70 | 5.03 | 6.6 |
| April .. | 125.25 | 2.789 | 2.219 | 15.625 | 12.520 | 4.77 | 5.06 | 6.6 |
| May .. | 125.25 | 2.791 | 2.221 | 15.625 | 12.516 | 4.70 | 5.05 | 6.7 |
| June .. | 125.25 | 2.790 | 2.221 | 15.625 | 12.539 | 4.62 | 5.04 | 6.7 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 125.25 | 2.788 | 2.219 | 15.625 | 12.551 | 4.48 | 5.02 | 6.8 |
| August .. | 125.25 | 2.783 | 2.215 | 15.625 | 12.565 | 4.51 | 5.01 | 6.9 |
| September .. | 125.25 | 2.785 | 2.216 | 15.625 | 12.552 | 4.44 | 4.98 | 6.9 |
| October .. | 125.25 | 2.800 | 2.228 | 15.625 | 12.492 | 4.36 | 5.00 | 6.9 |
| November .. | 125.25 | 2.803 | 2.230 | 15.625 | 12.479 | 4.43 | 5.00 | 6.9 |
| December .. | 125.25 | 2.802 | 2.233 | 15.625 | 12.469 | 4.41 | 5.00 | 6.9 |
| January .. | 125.25 | 2.813 | 2.239 | 15.625 | 12.445 | 4.40 | 5.01 | 7.0 |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.816 | 2.241 | 15.625 | 12.458 | 4.38 | 5.01 | 7.0 |
| March .. | 125.25 | 2.815 | 2.241 | 15.625 | 12.464 | 4.30 | 4.98 | 7.1 |
| April .. | 125.25 | 2.816 | 2.242 | 15.625 | 12.461 | 4.30 | 4.96 | 7.1 |
| May .. | 125.25 | 2.816 | 2.241 | 15.625 | 12.472 | 4.25 | 4.96 | 7.1 |
| June .. | 125.25 | 2.811 | 2.237 | 15.625 | 12.484 | 4.25 | 4.94 | 7.1 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | |
| July .. | 125.25 | 2.805 | 2.232 | 15.625 | 12.522 | 4.28 | 4.96 | 7.0 |
| August .. | 125.25 | 2.805 | 2.233 | 15.625 | 12.511 | 4.30 | 4.97 | 7.0 |
| September .. | 125.25 | 2.803 | 2.231 | 15.625 | 12.521 | 4.30 | 4.97 | 7.0 |
| October .. | 125.25 | 2.807 | 2.234 | 15.625 | 12.507 | 4.25 | 4.98 | 7.0 |
| November .. | 125.25 | 2.806 | 2.233 | 15.625 | 12.510 | 4.24 | 4.96 | 7.0 |
| December .. | 125.25 | 2.804 | 2.232 | 15.625 | 12.515 | 4.23 | 4.93 | 7.0 |
| January .. | 125.25 | 2.807 | 2.233 | 15.625 | 12.495 | 4.18 | 4.96 | 7.0 |
| February .. | 125.25 | 2.810 | 2.236 | 15.625 | 12.479 | 4.15 | 4.95 | 7.0 |

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

| Date of Change in Rate. | Trading Banks— | | | | | | Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate). | Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). | Common-wealth Loans (Long Term). |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Fixed Deposits— | | | | Overdrafts (Maximum Rate). | | | | |
| | 3 months. | 6 months. | 12 months. | 24 months. | Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a) | Private Trading Banks. | | | |
| 1940—28th May .. | 1.50 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 4.25 | } (b) { | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250 |
| 1941—22nd Sept. .. | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 2.25 | 4.25 | | 2.00 | 1.50 | 3.250 |
| 1942—14th March .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.25 | | 5.00 | 1.50 | 3.250 |
| 1943—1st May .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.25 | | 5.00 | 1.25 | 3.250 |
| 1944—17th January .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 4.25 | | 5.00 | 1.25 | 3.250 |
| 11th August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.25 | 3.250 |
| 1945—1st March .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.25 | 1.75 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.250 |
| 1st December | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.250 |
| 1946—20th November | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.75 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.125 |
| 1947—1st January .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 3.125 |
| 1949—1st May .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.125 |
| 1951—21st August .. | 0.50 | 0.75 | 1.00 | (c)1.50 | 4.25 | 4.50 | 2.00 | 0.75 | 3.750 |
| 1952—29th July .. | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | (d)1.75 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 3.750 |
| 25th November | 1.00 | 1.25 | 1.50 | (d)1.75 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.25 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 1955—1st January .. | 1.25 | 1.50 | 1.75 | 2.00 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 1956—15th March .. | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | 4.75 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 1st April .. | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 2.75 | 1.00 | 4.500 |
| 10th May .. | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.00 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 2.75 | 1.00 | 5.000 |
| 4th December | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.50 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 2.75 | 1.00 | 5.000 |
| 1958—1st November | 2.25 | 2.50 | 2.75 | 3.50 | (e) 6.00 | (e) 6.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 | 5.000 |

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

| Date. | Common-wealth. | States. | Total. | Date. | Common-wealth. | States. | Total. |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 30th June— | | | | 1957-58— | | | |
| 1937 .. | .. | 46,408 | 46,408 | 30th Sept. .. | 185,000 | 3,000 | 188,000 |
| 1938 .. | .. | 46,598 | 46,598 | 31st Oct. .. | 216,000 | 3,000 | 219,000 |
| 1939 .. | .. | 50,228 | 50,228 | 30th Nov. .. | 228,000 | 5,000 | 233,000 |
| 1951 .. | 108,280 | 2,400 | 110,680 | 31st Dec. .. | 251,000 | 8,500 | 259,500 |
| 1952 .. | 153,280 | .. | 153,280 | 31st Jan. .. | 249,000 | 8,500 | 257,500 |
| 1953 .. | 225,000 | .. | 225,000 | 28th Feb. .. | 248,000 | 8,500 | 256,500 |
| 1954 .. | 190,000 | .. | 190,000 | 31st Mar. .. | 241,000 | 6,000 | 247,000 |
| 1955 .. | 160,000 | .. | 160,000 | 30th April .. | 168,000 | 6,000 | 174,000 |
| 1956 .. | 165,000 | .. | 165,000 | 31st May .. | 134,000 | 5,000 | 139,000 |
| 1957 .. | 150,000 | .. | 150,000 | 30th June .. | 140,000 | .. | 140,000 |
| 1958 .. | 140,000 | .. | 140,000 | 1958-59— | | | |
| 1956-57— | | | | 31st July .. | 142,000 | 3,000 | 145,000 |
| 31st Mar. .. | 260,000 | 12,000 | 272,000 | 31st August .. | 163,000 | 3,000 | 166,000 |
| 30th April .. | 190,000 | 12,000 | 202,000 | 30th Sept. .. | 195,000 | 3,000 | 198,000 |
| 31st May .. | 147,000 | 9,000 | 156,000 | 31st Oct. .. | 228,000 | 3,000 | 231,000 |
| 30th June .. | 150,000 | .. | 150,000 | 30th Nov. .. | 254,000 | 3,000 | 257,000 |
| 1957-58— | | | | 31st Dec. .. | 282,000 | 5,000 | 287,000 |
| 31st July .. | 139,000 | 3,000 | 142,000 | 31st Jan. .. | 268,000 | 5,000 | 273,000 |
| 31st August | 160,000 | 3,000 | 163,000 | 28th Feb. .. | 229,000 | 5,000 | 234,000 |

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

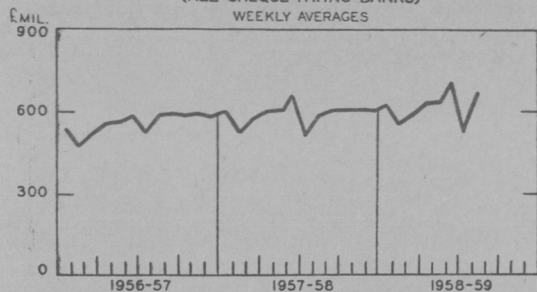
(£ million.)

| Period. | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six States. | Commonwealth. | Grand Total.(b) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| REVENUE. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 51.1 | 27.0 | 19.3 | 12.3 | 11.0 | 3.6 | 124.3 | 95.1 | 209.5 |
| 1952-53 | 182.8 | 97.0 | 63.2 | 44.2 | 38.7 | 12.1 | 438.0 | 1,040.1 | 1,305.7 |
| 1953-54 | 188.7 | 106.7 | 69.7 | 48.4 | 43.6 | 13.3 | 470.4 | 1,022.8 | 1,314.2 |
| 1954-55 | 195.4 | 116.8 | 73.8 | 48.7 | 46.1 | 14.5 | 495.3 | 1,067.4 | 1,378.2 |
| 1955-56 | 204.4 | 123.1 | 75.7 | 55.4 | 49.6 | 17.8 | 526.0 | 1,138.4 | 1,466.1 |
| 1956-57 | 223.8 | 133.2 | 85.2 | 61.6 | 54.3 | 18.8 | 576.9 | 1,311.8 | 1,672.4 |
| 1957-58 | 231.5 | 142.3 | 88.0 | 66.3 | 57.1 | 20.0 | 605.2 | 1,323.8 | 1,690.7 |
| 1958-59 (Estimate) .. | 237.8 | 152.5 | 99.4 | 67.8 | 59.8 | 21.7 | 639.0 | 1,310.5 | 1,699.6 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—December .. | 100.0 | 54.1 | 39.6 | 27.1 | 24.8 | 8.4 | 254.0 | 445.8 | 609.3 |
| January .. | 116.2 | 63.5 | 46.4 | 33.1 | 29.5 | 9.8 | 298.5 | 546.1 | 739.1 |
| February .. | 133.7 | 72.8 | 52.5 | 37.8 | 33.5 | 10.9 | 341.2 | 639.2 | 859.4 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—December .. | 103.8 | 58.6 | 41.4 | 30.3 | 25.8 | 8.0 | 267.9 | 471.1 | 640.9 |
| January .. | 120.6 | 67.6 | 47.8 | 36.2 | 30.7 | 9.7 | 312.6 | 569.8 | 768.5 |
| February .. | 137.0 | 77.7 | 53.4 | 41.3 | 35.0 | 11.0 | 355.4 | 673.2 | 898.2 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—December .. | 105.6 | 61.7 | 49.2 | 30.9 | 27.6 | 8.7 | 283.7 | 487.2 | 665.3 |
| January .. | 122.7 | 70.6 | 55.5 | 36.4 | 32.6 | 11.1 | 328.9 | 580.5 | 786.5 |
| February .. | 141.0 | 81.2 | 61.8 | 41.9 | 37.3 | 12.4 | 375.6 | 679.6 | 915.0 |
| EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1938-39 | 53.6 | 27.8 | 19.3 | 12.7 | 11.2 | 3.6 | 128.2 | 95.1 | 213.4 |
| 1952-53 | 182.7 | 97.4 | 63.0 | 44.2 | 39.2 | 11.8 | 438.3 | 1,040.1 | 1,306.0 |
| 1953-54 | 188.6 | 106.0 | 69.3 | 46.6 | 43.7 | 13.3 | 467.5 | 1,022.8 | 1,311.3 |
| 1954-55 | 197.6 | 115.4 | 73.6 | 50.9 | 46.6 | 14.7 | 498.8 | 1,067.4 | 1,381.7 |
| 1955-56 | 211.2 | 126.4 | 77.4 | 56.8 | 51.4 | 17.7 | 540.9 | 1,138.4 | 1,481.0 |
| 1956-57 | 223.7 | 137.6 | 85.2 | 61.6 | 56.2 | 19.6 | 583.9 | 1,311.8 | 1,679.4 |
| 1957-58 | 231.5 | 145.5 | 89.5 | 66.7 | 58.2 | 20.8 | 612.2 | 1,323.8 | 1,697.7 |
| 1958-59 (Estimate) .. | 237.8 | 154.2 | 101.2 | 68.8 | 61.8 | 22.8 | 646.6 | 1,310.5 | 1,707.2 |
| 1956-57— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—December .. | 108.0 | 65.4 | 43.8 | 30.0 | 28.4 | 9.5 | 285.1 | 535.7 | 730.3 |
| January .. | 124.3 | 74.5 | 49.3 | 34.4 | 33.0 | 10.7 | 326.2 | 623.8 | 844.5 |
| February .. | 142.1 | 84.9 | 55.6 | 39.2 | 37.4 | 12.3 | 371.5 | 709.0 | 959.9 |
| 1957-58— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—December .. | 110.5 | 69.5 | 46.1 | 31.7 | 29.2 | 10.1 | 297.1 | 566.6 | 765.6 |
| January .. | 127.8 | 78.6 | 51.5 | 37.2 | 34.1 | 11.3 | 340.5 | 668.3 | 894.9 |
| February .. | 145.2 | 88.9 | 57.9 | 42.0 | 38.6 | 12.8 | 385.4 | 756.6 | 1,011.6 |
| 1958-59— | | | | | | | | | |
| July—December .. | 114.1 | 72.8 | 53.4 | 32.3 | 31.8 | 11.5 | 315.9 | 620.0 | 830.4 |
| January .. | 130.9 | 82.6 | 58.9 | 38.1 | 36.8 | 12.7 | 360.0 | 712.2 | 949.4 |
| February .. | 150.4 | 98.1 | 66.2 | 43.5 | 41.6 | 14.5 | 410.3 | 806.5 | 1,076.5 |

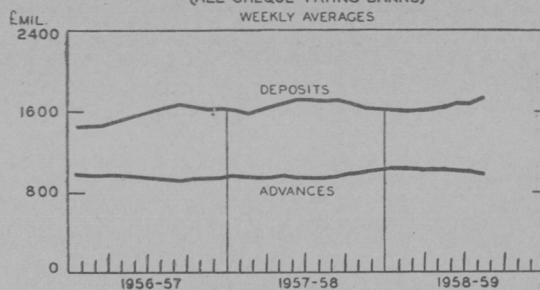
(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications.

(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

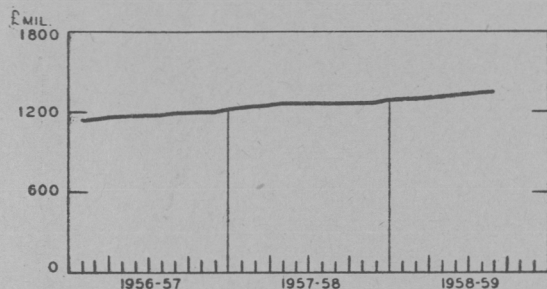
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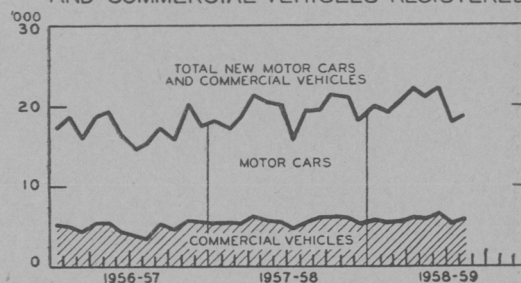
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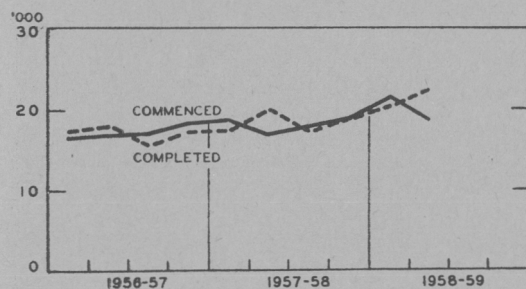
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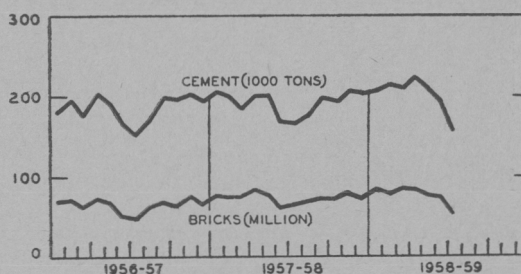
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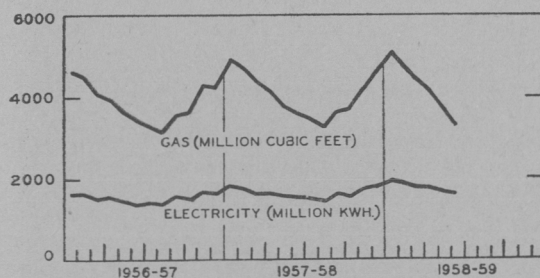
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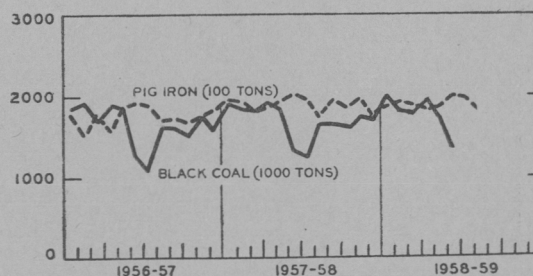
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